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1 AN ACT concerning partner notification and acquired immune
2 deficiency syndrome and supplementing P.L.1989, c.303 (C.26:5C-
3 5 et seq.).

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. For purposes of this section:

9 ¹"Department" means the Department of Health and Senior Services
10 or its designated entity.¹

11 "Sexual partner" means a person with whom an individual with
12 AIDS or infected with HIV has had intimate sexual relations during
13 the period in which the individual may have been infected.

14 "Needle-sharing partner" means any person with whom an
15 individual with AIDS or infected with HIV has shared equipment,
16 products, or materials of any kind which are used to inject a substance
17 into the human body during the period in which the individual may
18 have been infected.

19 b. Whenever the ¹[Department of Health and Senior Services]
20 department¹ receives a report that an individual is diagnosed with
21 AIDS or HIV infection, the department shall personally¹, when
22 possible,¹ and confidentially interview the ¹[individual who is]
23 contacts who are provided by¹ the subject of the report and¹, for that
24 purpose,¹ shall seek to obtain the names and whereabouts of the
25 ¹spouse,¹ sexual partners or needle-sharing partners of the infected
26 individual. Such a diagnosed individual may not be penalized for
27 refusing or failing to volunteer the identity of his ¹spouse or¹ sexual
28 or needle-sharing partners.

29 c. The department shall make a good faith effort to notify each
30 individual named as a partner under subsection b. of this section and
31 shall inform that individual of:

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted December 16, 1996.

