

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
FEBRUARY 26, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), entitled "An
2 act relating to health care; prescribing the powers and
3 duties of the Department of Health; establishing and
4 providing the powers and duties of the State Health
5 Coordinating Council, health systems agencies and Health Care
6 Policy Board in the Department of Health, and State Health
7 Facility Hearing Board in the Department of Justice;
8 providing for certification of need of health care providers
9 and prescribing penalties," requiring latex glove use notice.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known
13 as the Health Care Facilities Act, is amended by adding a
14 chapter to read:

15 CHAPTER 8-A

16 DUTIES OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

17 Section 801-A. Latex glove use notice.

18 (a) Posting.--A health care facility which uses latex gloves
19 shall post a notice informing employees and the public of all of
20 the following:

1 (1) That natural rubber latex gloves are used by the
2 health care facility.

3 (2) That exposure to latex may result in the development
4 of an allergy.

5 (3) That allergic reactions to natural rubber latex can
6 manifest by skin rash, hives, nasal and eye irritation,
7 asthma and shock.

8 (4) That should individuals experience allergic
9 symptoms, they should contact a health care provider.

10 (b) Font and location.--The notice shall include letters
11 which are at least three-eighths of an inch high and be posted
12 in conspicuous areas throughout the health care facility.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.