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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500),
 2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the prevention
 3 and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases
 4 including venereal diseases, fixing responsibility for
 5 disease prevention and control, requiring reports of
 6 diseases, and authorizing treatment of venereal diseases, and
 7 providing for premarital and prenatal blood tests; amending,
 8 revising and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and
 9 repealing certain acts," further providing for the title of
 10 the act, for definitions and for reports; providing for
 11 reports of data; and further providing for rules and
 12 regulations.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The title of the act of April 23, 1956 (1955
 16 P.L.1510, No.500), known as the Disease Prevention and Control
 17 Law of 1955, amended July 5, 1957 (P.L.495, No.279), is amended
 18 to read:

19 AN ACT

20 Providing for the prevention and control of communicable and
 21 non-communicable diseases including venereal diseases, fixing

1 responsibility for disease prevention and control, requiring
2 reports of diseases, drug overdoses and overdose reversals,
3 and authorizing treatment of venereal diseases, and providing
4 for premarital and prenatal blood tests; amending, revising
5 and consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing
6 certain acts.

7 Section 2. Section 2 of the act is amended by adding
8 subsections to read:

9 Section 2. Definitions.--

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11 (d.2) Drug overdose. An acute medical condition, including,
12 but not limited to, severe physical illness, coma, mania,
13 hysteria or death, which is the result of consumption or use of
14 one or more controlled substances causing an adverse reaction. A
15 patient's condition shall be deemed to be a drug overdose if a
16 prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine
17 and health, would reasonably believe that the condition is in
18 fact a drug overdose and requires immediate medical attention.

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20 (h.1) Overdose reversal. The life-saving act of
21 administering naloxone to a person experiencing a drug overdose.

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23 Section 3. Section 4(a) of the act is amended to read:

24 Section 4. Reports.--

25 (a) Every physician who treats or examines any person who is
26 suffering from or who is suspected of having a communicable
27 disease or drug overdose, or any person who is or who is
28 suspected of being a carrier, shall make a prompt report of the
29 disease, overdose or overdose reversal in the manner prescribed
30 by regulation to the local board or department of health which

1 serves the municipality where the disease occurs or where the
2 carrier resides or to the department if so provided by
3 regulation.

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5 Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

6 Section 14.2. Reports of Data.--The department shall report
7 county-level data on drug overdose and overdose reversals on a
8 quarterly basis. The reports shall be submitted to the Committee
9 on Public Health and Welfare of the Senate and the Committee on
10 Health and Human Services of the House of Representatives and
11 shall be posted on the department's publicly accessible Internet
12 website each quarter year.

13 Section 5. Section 16(a) (1), (2) and (12) of the act are
14 amended to read:

15 Section 16. Rules and Regulations.--

16 (a) The Board may issue rules and regulations with regard to
17 the following:

18 (1) the communicable and non-communicable diseases, drug
19 overdoses and overdose reversals which are to be reportable;

20 (2) the methods of reporting of diseases, drug overdoses and
21 overdose reversals the contents of reports and the health
22 authorities to whom diseases are to be reported;

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24 (12) any other matters it may deem advisable for the
25 prevention and control of disease or drug overdose and for
26 carrying out the provisions and purposes of this act.

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28 Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.