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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 22, 2004

AN ACT

1 Establishing a public information and education program on
2 infant botulism in the Department of Health; and providing
3 for the powers and duties of the Department of Health.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Infant
8 Botulism Public Information and Education Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

14 "Infant botulism." An infectious neuroparalytic disease from
15 the ingestion of spores of *Clostridium botulinum* which
16 germinate, multiply and produce botulinal toxin within an
17 infant's large intestine.

18 Section 3. Public information and education program.

1 (a) Establishment.--

2 (1) The department shall establish, promote and maintain
3 a public information and education program on infant botulism
4 for the purpose of informing the public about the causes,
5 incidence, risk factors, symptoms, signs, treatment and
6 prevention of infant botulism.

7 (2) The program shall be conducted throughout this
8 Commonwealth, especially in those areas of confirmed cases of
9 infant botulism, and the department shall make its public
10 information and education materials available to public
11 health officers and such health care providers who would
12 usually encounter infant botulism. The materials shall be
13 readily available to the general public and include, but not
14 be limited to, brochures and fact sheets that are easily
15 understandable.

16 (b) Toll-free number.--The department shall establish and
17 publish a toll-free number to better enable the general public
18 to make inquiries and obtain information about infant botulism.

19 (c) Internet.--The department shall make available any
20 educational and informational materials regarding infant
21 botulism on its Internet site.

22 Section 4. Regulations.

23 The department may adopt regulations to implement the
24 provisions of this act.

25 Section 5. Report.

26 The department shall make a report to the General Assembly
27 two years after the effective date of this act. The report shall
28 include the department's findings and recommendations concerning
29 the impact, effectiveness and benefits derived from the program
30 provided under section 3.

1 Section 6. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 90 days.