AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1189

Sponsor: SENATOR K. WARD

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Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 through 15, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

Section 1. Section 2(e) of the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), known as the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955, is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 10 and 11 (e) Isolation. The separation for the period of communicability of infected persons or animals from other persons or animals in such places and under such conditions as will prevent the direct or indirect transmission of the infectious agent from infected persons or animals to other persons or animals who are susceptible or who may spread the disease to others. The term includes cohorting only individuals who have been confirmed positive for the same communicable disease through a laboratory test.

Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 8; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and inserting

(1) Ensure that no individual who is less than fourteen days from testing positive for the communicable disease subject to the disaster emergency or who is less than fourteen days from being asymptomatic of the communicable disease subject to the disaster emergency shall be admitted as a resident to a facility without being placed in isolation within the facility with dedicated personnel assigned only to the area of isolation during the period of time in which the personnel is working. The following shall apply:

(i) Nothing under this subsection shall be construed to allow the secretary to force the admission of an individual without the consideration of and in conflict with a facility's admissions policy and the ability of a facility to care for the individual seeking admission.

(ii) The admissions policy of a facility shall be consistent
with any relevant guidelines for the prevention and control of a
communicable disease subject to the disaster emergency issued by
the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Centers
for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(2) Ensure that facilities are adequately equipped to follow
and implement recommendations and guidelines issued by the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Centers for
Medicare and Medicaid Services for the prevention and control of
the communicable disease subject to the disaster emergency
within facilities, including personal protective equipment for
individuals admitted to or working within the facility,
laboratory testing and staff accessibility.