

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 683

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 15 and 16, by striking out all of
2 line 15 and "a general" in line 16 and inserting

3 (a) General rule.--

4 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), if a urine drug
5 screening is conducted in an emergency department within an

6 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting after line 18

7 (2) The xylazine testing under paragraph (1) shall only
8 be required if testing is available as part of the urine drug
9 screening panel.

10 Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by striking out all of said line
11 and inserting

12 (b) Reporting.--

13 (1) If the urine drug screening conducted in

14 Amend Bill, page 2, line 3, by striking out "hospital" and
15 inserting

16 emergency department

17 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 4 through 10, by striking out

18 "Department of Health through PA-NEDSS." in line 4 and all of
19 lines 5 through 10 and inserting

20 department.

21 (2) The department shall determine the manner of
22 submission of test results.

23 (3) Reporting for fentanyl and xylazine shall occur when
24 results meet a screening threshold set by the department.

25 (4) The department shall transmit notice of the manner
26 of submission of test results under paragraph (2) and the
27 screening threshold under paragraph (3) to the Legislative
28 Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue
29 of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

30 (5) Prior to the transmittal of the notice under

1 paragraph (4), the department shall consult with stakeholders
2 regarding the manner of submission of test results and the
3 screening threshold.

4 (c) Applicability.--The requirements of this chapter shall
5 not apply if a health care practitioner of the emergency
6 department determines that a positive test result for fentanyl
7 is due to a legally prescribed course of treatment for the
8 patient. The health care practitioner shall denote this
9 exception in the patient's medical record.

10 Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by striking out "Department of
11 Health" and inserting

12 department

13 Amend Bill, page 2, line 19, by inserting after "of"
14 the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as

15 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 21 and 22, by striking out all of
16 said lines and inserting

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

18 "Emergency department." An entity within a hospital that is
19 organizationally distinct from other outpatient facilities and
20 whose primary function is to provide emergency accident or
21 emergency medical or surgical care. The term includes an
22 outpatient emergency department.

23 "Health care practitioner." As defined in section 103 of the
24 act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the Health Care
25 Facilities Act.

26 Amend Bill, page 2, line 24, by inserting after "substance"
27 or xylazine