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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2178 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY R. BROWN, ROTHMAN, ROZZI, PICKETT, KAUFFMAN,  
SCHLEGEL CULVER, BOBACK, MERSKI, MILLARD, GILLEN, STAATS,  
SMITH, DAY, JAMES, STRUZZI, HENNESSEY AND RAPP,  
DECEMBER 22, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, DECEMBER 22, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 2014 (P.L.808, No.83), entitled "An  
2 act establishing a task force on Lyme disease and related  
3 maladies; and providing for powers and duties of the task  
4 force, the Department of Health, the Department of  
5 Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game  
6 Commission to execute surveillance, prevention and education  
7 strategies," further providing for title of act; and  
8 providing for reports of cases of Lyme disease and related  
9 tick-borne illnesses in deceased individuals.

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

12 Section 1. The title of the act of June 29, 2014 (P.L.808,  
13 No.83), known as the Lyme and Related Tick-Borne Disease  
14 Surveillance, Education, Prevention and Treatment Act, is  
15 amended to read:

AN ACT

17 Establishing a task force on Lyme disease and related maladies;  
18 and providing for powers and duties of the task force, the  
19 Department of Health, the Department of Conservation and  
20 Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission to

1 execute surveillance, prevention and education strategies[.]  
2 and for reports of cases of Lyme disease and related tick-  
3 borne illnesses in deceased individuals.

4 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

5 Section 5.1. Reports of cases of Lyme disease and related tick-  
6 borne illnesses in deceased individuals.

7 If a coroner, pathologist, medical examiner or other  
8 individual qualified to conduct an examination of a deceased  
9 individual discovers, at the time of death, that the deceased  
10 individual was infected with Lyme disease or a related tick-  
11 borne illness, the coroner, pathologist, medical examiner or  
12 other individual shall promptly report the case to the  
13 department or a local department of health in a manner specified  
14 by the secretary.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.