AN ACT

Amending the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500),
entitled "An act providing for the prevention and control of
communicable and non-communicable diseases including venereal
diseases, fixing responsibility for disease prevention and
control, requiring reports of diseases, and authorizing
treatment of venereal diseases, and providing for premarital
and prenatal blood tests; amending, revising and
consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing
certain acts," further providing for confidentiality of
reports and records.

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

Section 1. Section 15 of the act of April 23, 1956 (1955
P.L.1510, No.500), known as the Disease Prevention and Control
Law of 1955, amended November 3, 2020 (P.L.1093, No.112), is
amended to read:

Section 15. [Confidentiality of Reports and Records] Reports
and records.--

[(a) Except as provided under section 15.1, State and local
health authorities may not disclose reports of diseases, any
records maintained as a result of any action taken in
consequence of such reports, or any other records maintained

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pursuant to this act or any regulations, to any person who is not a member of the department or of a local board or department of health, except as follows:

(1) Where necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.
(2) Where necessary to inform the public of the risk of a communicable disease.

(b) State and local health authorities may permit the use of data contained in disease reports and other records, maintained pursuant to this act, or any regulation, for research purposes, subject to strict supervision by the health authorities to insure that the use of the reports and records is limited to the specific research purposes.] Reports of diseases, any records maintained as a result of any action taken in consequence of such reports or any other records maintained under this act or any regulations shall be subject to the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.