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INTRODUCED BY REED, STEWART, JONES, KUKOVICH, COHEN, BROWN AND
KOWALYSHYN, JUNE 28, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUNE 29, 1979

AN ACT

1 Requiring hospitals to report all cancer cases to the Department
2 of Health and providing penalties.

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

5 Section 1. Report required.

6 All hospitals licensed by the Commonwealth shall report
7 monthly to the Department of Health all cancer cases admitted to
8 the hospital during the previous month.

9 Section 2. Information concerning carcinoma.

10 The report shall include the area of the body where the
11 carcinoma was located or the type of carcinoma diagnosed.

12 Section 3. Patient data.

13 The report shall include, with respect to each patient, his
14 full name and address, date of birth, social security number,
15 the patient's former addresses by municipality and state for the
16 past 25 years, his type of employment and the name of his
17 employers and their addresses by municipality and state for the
18 past 25 years.

1 Section 4. Confidentiality.

2 Information collected under this act shall be deemed
3 confidential and subject to confidentiality statutes and
4 regulations as provided by law to protect personal identity of
5 persons about whom reports are submitted. Under no circumstances
6 may such information be released in any manner which would
7 identify specific individuals.

8 Section 5. Violations.

9 Persons who willfully violates section 4 shall be guilty of a
10 misdemeanor of the third degree.

11 Section 6. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect in 90 days.