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E. Z. TAYLOR, CORRIGAN, ADOLPH AND CIVERA, APRIL 18, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 18, 1989

AN ACT

1 Providing for the examination of patients and inmates of State  
2 mental institutions and State and county correctional  
3 facilities for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

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

6 Section 1. Required testing.

7 All patients and inmates of State mental institutions and  
8 State and county prisons, jails, detention facilities and other  
9 correctional facilities shall be tested for the presence of HIV  
10 infection in relation to acquired immune deficiency syndrome  
11 (AIDS) upon admission and each six months thereafter. Patients  
12 and inmates testing positive shall be segregated from the  
13 uninfected institution or facility population, and their  
14 identity shall be made known to all appropriate employees,  
15 including those who will have direct physical contact with the  
16 affected patients and inmates.

17 Section 2. Testing of current patients and inmates.

1 All persons who are patients or inmates as described in  
2 section 1 on the effective date of this act shall be tested  
3 within 60 days of the effective date hereof, and each six months  
4 thereafter.

5 Section 3. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect immediately.