

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND BROWNE, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

AN ACT

1 Providing for Lyme disease education, prevention and treatment.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Lyme Disease
6 Education, Prevention and Treatment Act.

7 Section 2. Purpose.

8 The General Assembly finds that Lyme disease poses a serious
9 threat to the health and welfare of the people of this
10 Commonwealth. It is the intent of this act to provide the public
11 with information and education to create greater public
12 awareness of the dangers of and measures available to prevent
13 Lyme disease. It is also the intent of this act to provide
14 education to health care providers regarding the prevention,
15 diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease.

16 Section 3. Powers and duties.

17 The Department of Health shall have the following powers and

1 duties:

2 (1) Promulgate regulations to enforce the requirements
3 of this act.

4 (2) Develop a program of general public information and
5 education regarding Lyme disease.

6 (3) Develop a program to educate health care providers
7 to prevent, diagnose and treat Lyme disease.

8 (4) Cooperate with the Pennsylvania Game Commission to
9 disseminate the information required under paragraph (2) to
10 licensees of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the general
11 public.

12 (5) Cooperate with the Department of Conservation and
13 Natural Resources to disseminate the information required
14 under paragraph (2) to the general public and visitors of
15 State parks and lands.

16 (6) Cooperate with the professional associations of
17 health care providers to provide the education program for
18 professionals required under paragraph (3).

19 Section 4. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect immediately.