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## AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and reorganizing the 2 conduct of the executive and administrative work of the 3 Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the 5 administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal 6 Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining 8 9 10 the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative 11 departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the 12 salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain 13 other executive and administrative officers; providing for 14 the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of 15 16 all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and prescribing the manner in which the 17 18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and 19 20 commissions shall be determined," in powers and duties of the 21 Department of Justice and its departmental administrative 22 boards, further providing for Bureau of Consumer Protection 23 and providing for opioid action task force; in powers and 24 25 duties of the Department of Health and its departmental 26 administrative and advisory boards, further providing for 27 residential drug and alcohol treatment programs for pregnant 28 women and mothers and their dependent children and for staff training and referral mechanisms; in powers and duties of the 29 30 Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, providing for residential drug and alcohol treatment programs for pregnant 31 women and mothers and their dependent children; providing for 32 intergovernmental collaboration on substance abuse and for 33

- public health emergency; and making editorial changes.
- 2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 3 hereby enacts as follows:
- 4 Section 1. Article IX heading and section 917 of the act of
- 5 April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative
- 6 Code of 1929, are amended to read:
- 7 ARTICLE IX
- 8 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE [DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE] OFFICE OF
- 9 ATTORNEY GENERAL AND ITS DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS
- 10 Section 917. Bureau of Consumer Protection.--The [Department
- 11 of Justice] Office of Attorney General shall establish a Bureau
- 12 of Consumer Protection under the direction of a director
- 13 appointed by the Attorney General.
- 14 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 15 <u>Section 926. Opioid Action Task Force. -- (a) The Attorney</u>
- 16 General shall establish an opioid action task force to
- 17 <u>coordinate efforts with district attorneys and local governments</u>
- 18 relating to legal action against opioid drug makers,
- 19 <u>distributors and prescribing physicians.</u>
- 20 (b) The task force shall consist of the Attorney General,
- 21 <u>district attorneys and representatives from local governments</u>
- 22 who have taken or intend to take legal action against an opioid
- 23 drug maker, distributor and prescribing physician.
- 24 (c) The task force shall complete a report on legal action
- 25 taken by the Attorney General, district attorneys and local
- 26 governments and any proposed legal action. The report shall be
- 27 <u>submitted to all district attorneys in this Commonwealth within</u>
- 28 six months of the effective date of this section.
- 29 Section 3. Section 2123 of the act is repealed:
- 30 [Section 2123. Residential Drug and Alcohol Treatment

- 1 Programs for Pregnant Women and Mothers and Their Dependent
- 2 Children.--(a) The Department of Health shall have the power,
- 3 and its duty shall be, to make grants or contracts to provide
- 4 residential drug and alcohol treatment and related services for
- 5 pregnant women, mothers and their dependent children and mothers
- 6 who do not have custody of their children where there is a
- 7 reasonable likelihood that the children will be returned to them
- 8 if the mother participates satisfactorily in the treatment
- 9 program. Grant or contract moneys shall only be used for
- 10 treatment and related services provided to residents of this
- 11 Commonwealth by drug and alcohol treatment programs licensed by
- 12 the Department of Health which provide the following services:
- (1) Residential treatment services for women and their
- 14 children, subject to reasonable limitations on the number and
- 15 ages of the children, provided in a therapeutic community
- 16 setting and including, but not limited to:
- (i) onsite addiction and substance abuse education,
- 18 counseling and treatment;
- (ii) onsite individual, group and family counseling;
- (iii) onsite drug and alcohol prevention and education
- 21 activities for children approved by the Office of Drug and
- 22 Alcohol Programs of the Department of Health;
- (iv) onsite special counseling for children of alcoholics
- 24 and addicts;
- (v) involvement with Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics
- 26 Anonymous, support groups for children of alcoholics and addicts
- 27 and other support groups; and
- (vi) activities which enhance self-esteem and self-
- 29 sufficiency.
- 30 (2) Onsite parenting skills counseling and training.

- 1 (3) Access to school for children and mothers where
- 2 appropriate, including, but not limited to, securing documents
- 3 necessary for registration.
- 4 (4) Job counseling and referral to existing job training
- 5 programs.
- (5) Onsite day care for children when the mother is
- 7 attending counseling, school or a job training program and when
- 8 the mother is at a job or looking for a job and at other times
- 9 as the department deems appropriate.
- 10 (6) Referral and linkage to other needed services,
- 11 including, but not limited to, health care.
- 12 (7) Onsite structured reentry counseling and activities.
- 13 (8) Referral to outpatient counseling upon discharge from
- 14 the residential program.
- (b) The Department of Health shall inform the single county
- 16 authorities of those programs in their jurisdiction being
- 17 considered for funding to provide the services listed in this
- 18 section and shall give the single county authorities an
- 19 opportunity to comment on these funding proposals prior to the
- 20 department making a decision to award funding.
- 21 (c) The Department of Health shall require programs
- 22 receiving funds under this section to collect and provide to the
- 23 department information concerning the number of women and
- 24 children denied treatment or placed on waiting lists and may
- 25 require such data and other information as the department deems
- 26 useful in determining the effectiveness of the treatment
- 27 programs. Confidentiality of records regarding identifiable
- 28 individuals enrolled in treatment programs funded under this
- 29 section shall be maintained.
- 30 (d) Contributions by counties or single county authorities

- 1 shall not be required as a condition for receiving grants for
- 2 programs funded under this section, but the Department of Health
- 3 may require counties or single county authorities to make
- 4 commitments to provide outpatient intervention, referral and
- 5 aftercare services to women whose residential treatment is
- 6 funded under this section upon completion of their residential
- 7 treatment.
- 8 (e) The Department of Health shall annually convene a
- 9 meeting of all recipients of funds for programs funded under
- 10 this section and other interested parties so that the department
- 11 may receive input regarding ways to improve and expand treatment
- 12 services and prevention activities for pregnant women, mothers
- 13 and young children.
- 14 (f) The Department of Health shall report annually to the
- 15 Governor and the General Assembly as to its activities and
- 16 expenditures under this section, the activities of recipients of
- 17 funds under this section, the number of women and children
- 18 served, the number of women and children denied treatment or
- 19 placed on waiting lists, the recommendations in summary form
- 20 made at the annual meeting provided for in subsection (e) and
- 21 the recommendations of the department.
- 22 (g) As used in this section and section 2124, the term
- "single county authority" means the agency designated to plan
- 24 and coordinate drug and alcohol prevention, intervention and
- 25 treatment services for a geographic area which may consist of
- 26 one or more counties and to administer the provisions of such
- 27 services funded through the agency.
- (h) As used in this section, the term "therapeutic community
- 29 setting" means a drug-free, residential, nonhospital treatment
- 30 program using therapeutic community principles as the underlying

- 1 philosophy.]
- 2 Section 4. Section 2124 of the act is amended by adding a
- 3 subsection to read:
- 4 Section 2124. Staff Training and Referral Mechanisms. -- The
- 5 Department of Health shall have the power, and its duty shall
- 6 be:
- 7 \* \* \*
- 8 (c) As used in this section, the term "single county
- 9 <u>authority" shall mean the agency designated to plan and</u>
- 10 coordinate drug and alcohol prevention, intervention and
- 11 treatment services for a geographic area which may consist of
- 12 <u>one or more counties and to administer the provisions of the</u>
- 13 <u>services funded through the agency.</u>
- 14 Section 5. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 15 Section 2302-A. Residential drug and alcohol treatment programs
- 16 <u>for pregnant women and mothers and their dependent</u>
- 17 children.
- 18 (a) General rule. -- The Department of Drug and Alcohol
- 19 Programs shall have the power, and its duty shall be, to make
- 20 grants or contracts to provide residential drug and alcohol
- 21 treatment and related services for pregnant women, mothers and
- 22 their dependent children and mothers who do not have custody of
- 23 their children where there is a reasonable likelihood that the
- 24 children will be returned to them if the mother participates
- 25 satisfactorily in the treatment program. Grant or contract money
- 26 shall only be used for treatment and related services provided
- 27 to residents of this Commonwealth by drug and alcohol treatment
- 28 programs that are licensed by the Department of Drug and Alcohol
- 29 Programs and provide the following services:
- 30 (1) Residential treatment services for women and their

1	children, subject to reasonable ilmitations on the number and
2	ages of the children, provided in a therapeutic community
3	setting and including, but not limited to:
4	(i) onsite addiction and substance abuse education,
5	<pre>counseling and treatment;</pre>
6	(ii) onsite individual, group and family counseling;
7	(iii) onsite drug and alcohol prevention and
8	education activities for children approved by the
9	Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs;
10	(iv) onsite special counseling for children of
11	alcoholics and addicts;
12	(v) involvement with Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics
13	Anonymous, support groups for children of alcoholics and
14	addicts and other support groups; and
15	(vi) activities which enhance self-esteem and self-
16	sufficiency.
17	(2) Onsite parenting skills counseling and training.
18	(3) Access to school for children and mothers where
19	appropriate, including, but not limited to, securing
20	documents necessary for registration.
21	(4) Job counseling and referral to existing job training
22	programs.
23	(5) Onsite day care for children when the mother attends
24	counseling, school or a job training program and when the
25	mother is at a job or searches for a job and at other times
26	as the department deems appropriate.
27	(6) Referral and linkage to other needed services,
28	including, but not limited to, health care.
29	(7) Onsite structured reentry counseling and activities.
30	(8) Referral to outpatient counseling upon discharge

- 1 from the residential program.
- 2 (b) Single county authorities. -- The Department of Drug and
- 3 Alcohol Programs shall inform the single county authorities of
- 4 those programs in their jurisdiction being considered for
- 5 <u>funding to provide the services listed in this section and shall</u>
- 6 give the single county authorities an opportunity to comment on
- 7 these funding proposals prior to the department making a
- 8 <u>decision to award funding.</u>
- 9 (c) Data submission. -- Programs receiving funds under this
- 10 section shall collect and provide to the department information
- 11 concerning the number of women and children denied treatment or
- 12 placed on waiting lists and such data and other information as
- 13 the department deems useful in determining the effectiveness of
- 14 the treatment programs. The department shall maintain the
- 15 <u>confidentiality of records regarding identifiable individuals</u>
- 16 enrolled in treatment programs funded under this section.
- 17 (d) Contributions.--Contributions by counties or single
- 18 county authorities shall not be required as a condition for
- 19 receiving grants for programs funded under this section, but the
- 20 Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs may require counties or
- 21 single county authorities to make commitments to provide
- 22 outpatient intervention, referral and aftercare services to
- 23 women whose residential treatment is funded under this section
- 24 upon completion of their residential treatment.
- 25 (e) Annual meeting. -- The Department of Drug and Alcohol
- 26 Programs shall annually convene a meeting of all recipients of
- 27 funds for programs funded under this section and other
- 28 interested parties so that the department may receive input
- 29 regarding ways to improve and expand treatment services and
- 30 prevention activities for pregnant women, mothers and young

- 1 <u>children</u>.
- 2 (f) Report. -- The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs
- 3 shall report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly
- 4 <u>as to its activities and expenditures under this section, the</u>
- 5 <u>activities of recipients of funds under this section, the number</u>
- 6 of women and children served, the number of women and children
- 7 <u>denied treatment or placed on waiting lists, the recommendations</u>
- 8 in summary form made at the annual meeting provided for in
- 9 <u>subsection (e) and the recommendations of the department.</u>
- 10 (g) Definitions. -- As used in this section, the following
- 11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 12 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- "Single county authority." As defined in section 2124.
- 14 "Therapeutic community setting." A drug-free, residential,
- 15 <u>nonhospital treatment program using therapeutic community</u>
- 16 principles as the underlying philosophy.
- 17 Section 6. The act is amended by adding articles to read:
- 18 <u>ARTICLE XXVIII-F</u>
- 19 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- 20 Section 2801-F. Purpose.
- 21 The purpose of this article is to coordinate collaboration
- 22 <u>between government agencies to respond to substance abuse issues</u>
- 23 in this Commonwealth.
- 24 Section 2802-F. Definitions.
- 25 The following words and phrases when used in this article
- 26 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 27 <u>context clearly indicates otherwise:</u>
- 28 "Government agency." Any of the following:
- 29 <u>(1) An agency of the Commonwealth, including a</u>
- department, board, commission or authority.

1	(2) A political subdivision or agency of the political
2	subdivision.
3	(3) A local or municipal authority or other local
4	government unit.
5	(4) A court or related agency.
6	"Treatment facility." A facility licensed by the Department
7	of Drug and Alcohol Programs to provide drug and alcohol
8	addiction treatment.
9	"Warm handoff." The direct referral and transfer of an
10	overdose survivor immediately after medical stabilization from a
11	hospital emergency department to a treatment facility for
12	treatment matched to the individual's clinical needs based on a
13	full assessment and application of the Pennsylvania Client
14	Placement Criteria established by the Department of Drug and
15	Alcohol Programs.
16	Section 2803-F. Reports by government agencies.
17	(a) Duty to submit to the Department of Drug and Alcohol
18	Programs The government agencies under this section shall
19	submit a report to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs
20	as follows:
21	(1) The Department of Corrections shall provide a report
22	on its collaboration with the Department of Drug and Alcohol
23	Programs on providing drug and alcohol treatment to prisoners
24	under section 2301-A.
25	(2) The Department of Education shall provide a report
26	on the following:
27	(i) The methods used by the Department of Education
28	to encourage parental engagement in the prevention of
29	drug and alcohol use.
30	(ii) The feasibility of the use of online wideos

1	<u>from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services</u>
2	Administration on the Department of Education's publicly
3	accessible Internet website and the ability to provide
4	the videos for use by school districts.
5	(iii) The level of compliance with K-12 drug and
6	alcohol education under section 1547 of the act of March
7	10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code
8	<u>of 1949.</u>
9	(iv) The level of compliance with mandating Student
10	Assistance Programs under section 1302-A of the Public
11	School Code of 1949.
12	(v) Efforts to increase the level of compliance
13	under subparagraphs (iii) and (iv).
14	(vi) The rate of improvement in compliance rates
15	under subparagraphs (iii) and (iv).
16	(3) The Department of Health shall provide a report on
17	the following:
18	(i) The number of individuals identified to be in
19	need of and referred to addiction treatment under the act
20	of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the
21	Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions
22	Program (ABC-MAP) Act.
23	(ii) Information regarding children born with
24	neonatal abstinence syndrome.
25	(4) The Department of Human Services shall provide a
26	report on whether and how the medical assistance rates being
27	paid for addiction treatment actually compensate the costs of
28	providing addiction treatment.
29	(5) The Insurance Department shall provide a report on
30	the following:

1	<u>(i) The number of complaints and actions taken</u>
2	regarding those complaints under the Paul Wellstone and
3	Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity
4	Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-343, 122 Stat. 3881) and
5	under Article VI-B of the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682,
6	No.284), known as The Insurance Company Law of 1921.
7	(ii) Efforts to ensure that health insurance
8	consumers are educated in the necessary provisions of the
9	Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and
10	Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and The Insurance Company
11	<u>Law of 1921.</u>
12	(iii) Methods to ensure that individuals are
13	informed of drug and alcohol addiction treatment coverage
14	through a notification from their health care insurer.
15	(iv) Information provided by a health care insurer
16	on level of care, length of stay and number of
17	individuals treated for drug and alcohol addiction to
18	assist individuals in choosing a health insurance plan to
19	meet their needs.
20	(6) The State Board of Medicine shall provide a report
21	on the following:
22	(i) Progress on implementing a continuing medical
23	education requirement in effective warm handoff to
24	addiction treatment for individuals who:
25	(A) are identified in the prescription
26	monitoring system under the Achieving Better Care by
27	Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act as
28	being at risk of having a substance use disorder; or
29	(B) have survived a drug overdose.
30	(ii) Progress in establishing, in collaboration with

1	the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, continuing
2	medical education requirements developed to maximize the
3	likelihood of successful and immediate warm handoff to
4	addiction treatment for individuals, including, but not
5	limited to, individuals under subparagraph (i).
6	(7) The Board of Probation and Parole shall provide a
7	report on its collaboration with the Department of Drug and
8	Alcohol Programs to ensure that individuals with a drug or
9	alcohol addiction who are on probation or parole are engaged
0 ـ	in the addiction treatment process.
1	(8) The Pennsylvania State Police shall provide a report
_2	on the number of Pennsylvania State Police barracks which
_3	have a drug take-back box and the feasibility of placing drug
4	take-back boxes at all other Pennsylvania State Police
. 5	barracks.
- 6	(9) The Department of Transportation shall provide a
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17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	report on the number of driving under the influence offenders who have been ordered by a court to attend drug and alcohol treatment under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 38 (relating to driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs) in the past year out of the total number of offenders and recommend changes to the law to ensure more driving under the influence offenders receive drug and alcohol treatment.  (b) ContentThe reports under subsection (a) shall include recommendations from the government agency to address needed action on a certain issue and the amount of funding needed to
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	report on the number of driving under the influence offenders who have been ordered by a court to attend drug and alcohol treatment under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch. 38 (relating to driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs) in the past year out of the total number of offenders and recommend changes to the law to ensure more driving under the influence offenders receive drug and alcohol treatment.  (b) Content.—The reports under subsection (a) shall include recommendations from the government agency to address needed action on a certain issue and the amount of funding needed to take such action. The report shall also include recommendations

1	submitted to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs within
2	one year of the effective date of this section.
3	Section 2804-F. Report by Department of Drug and Alcohol
4	Programs.
5	(a) Duty to submit to the Governor and General Assembly
6	(1) After the reports under section 2803-F are submitted
7	to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, the secretary
8	shall compile the reports and submit a comprehensive report
9	to the Governor and General Assembly, including the following
10	information from the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs:
11	(i) Collaboration with the Veterans Health
12	Administration on providing assistance to veterans
13	seeking addiction treatment.
14	(ii) Steps taken by the single county authorities to
15	ensure that block grant funded addiction treatment
16	programs are being paid at a rate that reflects the
17	actual costs of providing addiction treatment.
18	(iii) Steps taken by the single county authorities
19	to ensure licensed addiction treatment facilities are
20	being paid rates established through a negotiation
21	process with consideration of cost-of-living increases
22	where appropriate.
23	(iv) The number of women enrolled in residential
24	drug and alcohol treatment programs for pregnant women
25	and mothers with dependent children, their length of stay
26	and recidivism rates under section 2302-A.
27	(2) The report under paragraph (1) shall include the
28	amount of funding needed to address a certain issue and any
29	recommended legislation.
30	(3) The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall

- 1 include in the report publicly accessible data appropriate to
- 2 <u>assist in making informed policy decisions, including, but</u>
- 3 <u>not limited to, data from the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost</u>
- 4 <u>Containment Council.</u>
- 5 (b) Timing--The report under subsection (a) shall be
- 6 <u>submitted to the Governor and General Assembly within 30 days.</u>
- 7 <u>Section 2805-F. Report by Office of Attorney General.</u>
- 8 (a) Duty to report to General Assembly. -- The Office of
- 9 Attorney General shall provide a report to the General Assembly
- 10 with information on the number of complaints and actions taken
- 11 regarding those complaints under the Paul Wellstone and Pete
- 12 Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008
- 13 (Public Law 110-343, 122 Stat. 3881) and under Article VI-B of
- 14 the act of May 17, 1921 (P.L.682, No.284), known as The
- 15 Insurance Company Law of 1921.
- 16 (b) Timing. -- The report under subsection (a) shall be
- 17 submitted to the General Assembly within six months of the
- 18 effective date of this section.
- 19 ARTICLE XXVIII-G
- 20 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
- 21 Section 2801-G. Definitions.
- 22 The following words and phrases when used in this article
- 23 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 24 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 25 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.
- 26 "Government agency." Any of the following:
- 27 (1) An agency of the Commonwealth, including a
- department, board, commission or authority.
- 29 (2) A political subdivision or agency of the political
- 30 subdivision.

1	(3) A local or municipal authority or other local
2	government unit.
3	(4) A court or related agency.
4	"Public health emergency." An occurrence or imminent threat
5	of a disease or condition of public health importance that:
6	(1) Is believed to be caused by any of the following:
7	(i) A bioterrorist event, a biological, chemical or
8	nuclear agent, a chemical attack or a nuclear attack.
9	(ii) The appearance of a novel or previously
10	controlled or eradicated infectious agent or biological
11	toxin.
12	(iii) A natural disaster, an accidental chemical
13	release or a nuclear incident.
14	(iv) A disease outbreak or unusual expression of
15	<u>illness.</u>
16	(2) Poses a high probability of any of the following
17	harms in the affected population:
18	(i) A large number of deaths.
19	(ii) A large number of serious or long-term
20	<u>disabilities.</u>
21	(iii) Widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic
22	agent that poses a significant risk of substantial
23	present or future harm to a large number of people.
24	"Public health worker." A person, licensed or unlicensed,
25	employed by, or contracted with, the department or a local
26	health department to carry out prophylaxis, treatment,
27	notification and prevention services to persons reported to the
28	department or local health departments as having a reportable
29	disease, under the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510,
30	No.500), known as the Disease Prevention and Control Law of

- 1 1955.
- 2 <u>"Secretary." The Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth.</u>
- 3 Section 2802-G. Declaration of a public health emergency.
- 4 (a) Authorization. -- The secretary may declare a public
- 5 health emergency by publishing a declaration in the Pennsylvania
- 6 Bulletin.
- 7 (b) Declaration. -- The declaration of a public health
- 8 <u>emergency shall be valid for a period of 90 days unless renewed</u>
- 9 by the secretary through a subsequent declaration in the
- 10 Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- 11 (c) Duties of department. -- Upon publication of a declaration
- 12 under subsection (a), the department may, notwithstanding any
- 13 other provision of law, perform the following duties:
- 14 <u>(1) Waive a regulation.</u>
- 15 (2) Promulgate temporary regulations under subsection
- (f) to address the public health emergency.
- 17 (3) Publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin to
- 18 require reporting, in the manner and form prescribed by the
- 19 department, relating to a disease, infection or condition.
- 20 (4) Publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin
- 21 providing the requirements for health care facilities and
- 22 licensed health care practitioners to manage a disease
- 23 <u>outbreak or unusual expression of illness.</u>
- 24 (5) Authorize public health workers to dispense,
- 25 administer, furnish or otherwise provide prescription
- 26 medication for prophylaxis or treatment of a reportable
- disease or condition as necessary to prevent and control the
- 28 spread of disease or condition.
- 29 (d) Requirements.--
- 30 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each

- 1 government agency shall, at the request of the department,
- 2 provide information as prescribed by the department during a
- 3 <u>public health emergency.</u>
- 4 (2) The department shall provide for the frequency and
- 5 <u>format, which may include automated data exchanges, for the</u>
- 6 <u>collection of the information required under this subsection.</u>
- 7 (e) Confidentiality of information. -- Information provided or
- 8 collected under this section shall be confidential, shall not be
- 9 subject to public access under the act of February 14, 2008
- 10 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, and shall neither
- 11 be discoverable nor admissible as evidence in a civil, criminal
- 12 or administrative action or proceeding.
- 13 (f) Temporary regulations. -- The department may promulgate
- 14 temporary regulations regarding measures to reduce harm and
- 15 control disease. The temporary regulations shall not be subject
- 16 to:
- 17 (1) Sections 201, 202, 203, 204 and 205 of the act of
- 18 July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the
- 19 Commonwealth Documents Law.
- 20 (2) Section 204(b) of the act of October 15, 1980
- 21 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act.
- 22 (3) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181), known as
- 23 the Regulatory Review Act.
- 24 (g) Expiration and subsequent promulgation. -- Temporary
- 25 regulations promulgated under subsection (f) shall expire 90
- 26 days following the end of the declaration of a public health
- 27 emergency. Regulations adopted after this period shall be
- 28 promulgated as provided by law.
- 29 Section 2803-G. Immunity from liability.
- The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8331 (relating to medical good

- 1 <u>Samaritan civil immunity</u>), 8332 (relating to emergency response
- 2 provider and bystander good Samaritan civil immunity) or 8332.4
- 3 <u>(relating to volunteer-in-public-service negligence standard)</u>
- 4 shall apply to any person who provides assistance in carrying
- 5 <u>out the provisions of this article.</u>
- 6 Section 7. Any allocations, appropriations, records,
- 7 contracts, rights and obligations to or of the Department of
- 8 Health under former section 2123 of the act are transferred to
- 9 the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.
- 10 Section 8. This act shall take effect in 60 days.