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AN ACT

1 Providing for a detoxification and addiction treatment bed  
2 registry.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
7 Detoxification and Addiction Treatment Bed Registry Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Bed registry." The detoxification and addiction treatment  
13 bed registry established under section 3.

14 "Department." The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs of  
15 the Commonwealth.

16 "Licensed provider." A hospital-based detoxification or  
17 rehabilitation treatment program licensed to provide care for

1 substance use disorders or a licensed nonhospital residential  
2 detoxification facility.

3 Section 3. Registry.

4 (a) Development.--The department shall develop and  
5 administer an Internet-based detoxification and addiction  
6 treatment bed registry to collect, aggregate and display  
7 information about available beds at a licensed provider's  
8 facility for the treatment of individuals in need of  
9 detoxification and addiction treatment.

10 (b) Contents.--The bed registry shall include, but not be  
11 limited to, the following:

12 (1) Descriptive information for licensed providers in  
13 this Commonwealth, including contact information for each  
14 licensed provider.

15 (2) Real-time information updated at least daily  
16 regarding the number of beds available at a licensed  
17 provider's facility and, for each available bed, the type of  
18 patient that may be admitted, the level of security provided  
19 and other information that may be necessary to allow for the  
20 identification of appropriate licensed providers for the  
21 treatment of individuals in need of detoxification and  
22 addiction treatment.

23 (3) A search function to identify available beds that  
24 are appropriate for the treatment of individuals experiencing  
25 a substance abuse emergency.

26 (c) Participation requirement.--A licensed provider shall  
27 participate in the bed registry established under this section  
28 and shall designate an employee to report information for  
29 inclusion in the bed registry. The designated employee shall  
30 serve as a point of contact for addressing requests for

1 information related to data reported on the bed registry. The  
2 designated employee shall be responsible for updating  
3 information on the bed registry as required under subsection (b)  
4 (2).

5 (d) Licensed provider requirements.--In order to be eligible  
6 to access the bed registry, a licensed provider shall:

7 (1) submit the information specified under subsection  
8 (b) to the bed registry, including providing daily real-time  
9 information under subsection (b) (2); or

10 (2) arrange for the licensed provider's contact  
11 information to be monitored and accessed at any time in  
12 accordance with the department's regulations promulgated  
13 under section 4.

14 (e) Private contracting.--The department may enter into a  
15 contract with a private entity for the development and  
16 administration of the bed registry.

17 Section 4. Regulations.

18 The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to  
19 implement this act.

20 Section 5. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect in 60 days.