
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, APRIL 13, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500),
2 entitled "An act providing for the prevention and control of
3 communicable and non-communicable diseases including venereal
4 diseases, fixing responsibility for disease prevention and
5 control, requiring reports of diseases, and authorizing
6 treatment of venereal diseases, and providing for premarital
7 and prenatal blood tests; amending, revising and
8 consolidating the laws relating thereto; and repealing
9 certain acts," further providing for confidentiality of
10 reports and records.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 15 of the act of April 23, 1956 (1955
14 P.L.1510, No.500), known as the Disease Prevention and Control
15 Law of 1955, is amended to read:

16 Section 15. Confidentiality of Reports and Records.--

17 (a) Disclosures.--State and local health authorities may not
18 disclose reports of diseases, any records maintained as a result
19 of any action taken in consequence of such reports, or any other
20 records maintained pursuant to this act or any regulations, to
21 any person who is not a member of the department or of a local

1 board or department of health, except [where necessary to carry
2 out the purposes of this act.] as follows:

3 (1) Where necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

4 (2) The department shall release to the governing body of a
5 county and the county emergency management coordinator the
6 municipality in which there has been a confirmed case of a
7 communicable or reportable disease within the past twenty-four
8 hours.

9 (b) Research.--State and local health authorities may permit
10 the use of data contained in disease reports and other records,
11 maintained pursuant to this act, or any regulation, for research
12 purposes, subject to strict supervision by the health
13 authorities to insure that the use of the reports and records is
14 limited to the specific research purposes.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.