
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 563 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY ZIMMERMAN, GREINER, ROWE AND LEADBETER,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 20, 2023

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(a) 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 by adding a clause to read:

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

17 (a) Except as provided under section 15.1, State and local
18 health authorities may not disclose reports of diseases, any
19 records maintained as a result of any action taken in
20 consequence of such reports, or any other records maintained
21 pursuant to this act or any regulations, to any person who is
22 not a member of the department or of a local board or department

1 of health, except as follows:

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3 (3) Where the department receives a resolution from the
4 governing body of a county without a local board or department
5 of health, which authorizes the governing body of the county to
6 receive communicable disease or reportable disease information
7 that occurs within its jurisdiction. Upon receipt of the
8 resolution under this clause, the department shall release to
9 the governing body of the county de-identifying communicable
10 disease or reportable disease information, including the
11 municipality where there has been a confirmed case of a
12 communicable disease or reportable disease within the past
13 twenty-four (24) hours. The governing body of the county shall
14 comply with all applicable Federal and State laws, regulations
15 and confidentiality standards regarding the use of communicable
16 disease or reportable disease information under this clause.
17 This clause shall not apply to the release of communicable
18 disease or reportable disease information of a municipality with
19 a local board or department of health.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.