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CONFIDENTIALITY OF AIDS INFO

House Bill 4646
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4646 AS INTRODUCED 3-25-91

Article 5 of the Public Health Code deals with the prevention and control of diseases and infections, and includes sections giving the Department of Public Health (DPH) the authority to promulgate rules to establish requirements for reporting ("and other surveillance methods of measuring") the occurrence of diseases, infection, disabilities, and the potential for epidemics. In addition, the department can promulgate rules for the discovery, care, and reporting of people having (or suspected of having) communicable diseases or infections (including HIV, or human immunodeficiency virus, and AIDS, or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) that pose a health threat to others.

Public Act 488 of 1988 (enrolled House Bill 5189) added a new section to the health code that requires written informed consent prior to AIDS testing and makes the test results and certain other information confidential.

The bill would exempt from the health code's confidentiality requirements certain AIDS information required by the part of the code dealing with the prevention and control of diseases and infections.

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