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HEPATITIS A VACCINE PROGRAM

House Bill 5817

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Wojno Committee: Health Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5817 AS INTRODUCED 4-30-98

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to create a voluntary vaccination program for hepatitis A outbreaks. Under the bill, the director of the Department of Community Health would have to make a sufficient amount of hepatitis A vaccine available to a community if he or she determined that a hepatitis A outbreak in the community warranted a targeted or widespread vaccination effort. The director would be required to work in cooperation with local health departments in conducting the vaccination program.

The director could apply to the federal Centers for Disease Control for federal funding and other available assistance. Though the vaccination program would be voluntary, if the owner or operator of a food service establishment, child care center, or other business in a targeted community had all of his or her employees vaccinated, the department or local health department could issue the owner or operator a certificate of compliance that could be displayed publicly.

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