

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.2619 Cancer registry; establishment; purpose; reports; records; rules; medical or department examination or supervision not required; contracts; evaluation of reports; publication of summary reports; commencement of reporting; effective date of section.

Sec. 2619. (1) The department shall establish a registry to record cases of cancer and other specified tumorous and precancerous diseases that occur in the state, and to record information concerning these cases as the department considers necessary and appropriate in order to conduct epidemiologic surveys of cancer and cancer-related diseases in the state.

(2) Each diagnosed case of cancer and other specified tumorous and precancerous diseases shall be reported to the department pursuant to subsection (4), or reported to a cancer reporting registry if the cancer reporting registry meets standards established pursuant to subsection (4) to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the reported information. A person or facility required to report a diagnosis pursuant to subsection (4) may elect to report the diagnosis to the state through an existing cancer registry only if the registry meets minimum reporting standards established by the department.

(3) The department shall maintain comprehensive records of all reports submitted pursuant to this section. These reports shall be subject to the same requirements of confidentiality as provided in section 2631 for data or records concerning medical research projects.

(4) The director shall promulgate rules which provide for all of the following:

(a) A list of tumorous and precancerous diseases other than cancer to be reported pursuant to subsection (2).

(b) The quality and manner in which the cases and other information described in subsection (1) are reported to the department.

(c) The terms and conditions under which records disclosing the name and medical condition of a specific individual and kept pursuant to this section are released by the department.

(5) This section does not compel an individual to submit to medical or department examination or supervision.

(6) The department may contract for the collection and analysis of, and research related to, the epidemiologic data required under this section.

(7) Within 2 years after the effective date of this section, the department shall begin evaluating the reports collected pursuant to subsection (2). The department shall publish and make available to the public reports summarizing the information collected. The first summary report shall be published not later than 180 days after the end of the first 2 full calendar years after the effective date of this section. Subsequent annual summary reports shall be made on a full calendar year basis and published not later than 180 days after the end of each calendar year.

(8) Reporting pursuant to subsection (2) shall begin the next calendar year after the effective date of this section.

(9) This section shall take effect July 1, 1984.

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