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1 3 AN ACT
1 4 PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR
1 5 FIRST RESPONDERS, AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

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1 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 9 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.146 FIRST RESPONDER
1 10 VACCINATION PROGRAM.

1 11 1. In the event that federal funding is received for
1 12 administering vaccinations for first responders, the
1 13 department shall offer a vaccination program for first
1 14 responders who may be exposed to infectious diseases when
1 15 deployed to disaster locations. For purposes of this section,
1 16 "first responder" means state and local law enforcement
1 17 personnel, fire department personnel, and emergency medical
1 18 personnel who will be deployed to sites of bioterrorism
1 19 attacks, terrorist attacks, catastrophic or natural disasters,
1 20 and other disasters. The vaccinations shall include, but not
1 21 be limited to, vaccinations for hepatitis B, diphtheria=
1 22 tetanus, influenza, and other vaccinations when recommended by
1 23 the United States public health service and in accordance with
1 24 federal emergency management agency policy. Immune globulin
1 25 will be made available when necessary.

1 26 2. Participation in the vaccination program shall be
1 27 voluntary, except for first responders who are classified as
1 28 having occupational exposure to blood-borne pathogens as
1 29 defined by the occupational safety and health administration
1 30 standard contained in 29 C.F.R. } 1910.1030. First responders
1 31 who are so classified shall be required to receive the
1 32 vaccinations as described in subsection 1. A first responder
1 33 shall be exempt from this requirement, however, when a written
1 34 statement from a licensed physician is presented indicating
1 35 that a vaccine is medically contraindicated for that person or
2 1 the first responder signs a written statement that the
2 2 administration of a vaccination conflicts with religious
2 3 tenets.

2 4 3. The department shall establish first responder
2 5 notification procedures regarding the existence of the program
2 6 by rule, and shall develop, and distribute to first
2 7 responders, educational materials on methods of preventing
2 8 exposure to infectious diseases. In administering the
2 9 program, the department may contract with county and local
2 10 health departments, not-for-profit home health care agencies,
2 11 hospitals, physicians, and military unit clinics.

2 12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
2 13 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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2 18 CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
2 19 Speaker of the House

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2 22 JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
2 23 President of the Senate

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2 25 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
2 26 is known as House File 2343, Eightieth General Assembly.

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2 30 MARGARET THOMSON
2 31 Chief Clerk of the House

2 32 Approved _____, 2004

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3 1 THOMAS J. VILSACK
3 2 Governor