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April 11, 2006

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2493, an Act providing for the establishment of a viral hepatitis program and study.

House File 2509, an Act relating to financial education for applicants for and participants in the family investment program.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 2493

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VIRAL HEPATITIS PROGRAM
AND STUDY.

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

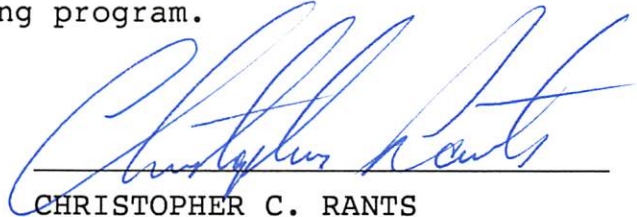
Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.20A VIRAL HEPATITIS PROGRAM
-- VACCINATIONS AND TESTING -- STUDY.

1. If sufficient funds are appropriated by the general assembly, the department shall establish and administer a viral hepatitis program. The goal of the program shall be to distribute information to citizens of this state who are at an increased risk for exposure to viral hepatitis regarding the higher incidence of hepatitis C exposure and infection among these populations, the dangers presented by the disease, and contacts for additional information and referrals. The program shall also make available hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccinations, and hepatitis C testing.

2. The department shall establish by rule a list of individuals by category who are at increased risk for viral hepatitis exposure. The list shall be consistent with recommendations developed by the centers for disease control, and shall be developed in consultation with the Iowa viral hepatitis task force. The department shall also establish by rule what information is to be distributed and the form and manner of distribution. The rules shall also establish a vaccination and testing program, to be coordinated by the department through local health departments and clinics.

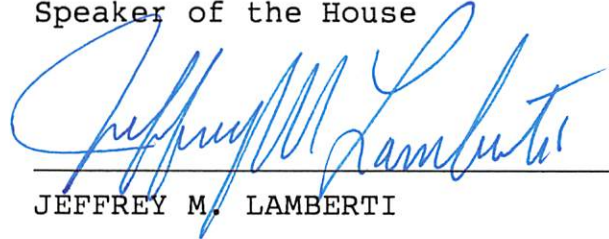
3. The department shall conduct a study to provide an epidemiological profile of hepatitis C and to assess its current and future impact on the state. The department shall

submit a report to the members of the general assembly by January 1, 2008, regarding the results of the study, and shall include a status report regarding the development and distribution of viral hepatitis information, and the results of the vaccination and testing program.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS

Speaker of the House



JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI

President of the Senate

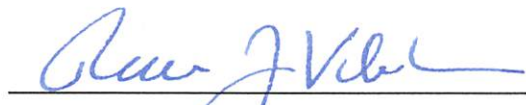
I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2493, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 11, 2006



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Governor