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SENATE FILE 504

By COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL
SERVICES
(Committee on Social
Services)

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Vote: Ayes50..... Nays0..... Vote: Ayes110..... Nays0.....

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to communicable diseases.

2 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

3 Section 1. For the purposes of this Act:

4 1. "Communicable disease" shall mean any infectious or
5 contagious disease spread from man to man or animal to man.

6 2. "Placard" shall mean a warning sign to be erected and
7 displayed on the periphery of a quarantine area, which sign
8 will forbid entry to or exit from the area.

9 3. "Reportable disease" shall mean any disease designated
10 by rule adopted by the state department of health requiring
11 the occurrence to be reported to an appropriate authority.

12 4. "Quarantine" shall mean the limitation of freedom of
13 movement of persons or animals that have been exposed to a
14 communicable disease within specified limits marked by placards
15 for a period of time equal to the longest usual incubation
16 period of the disease in such manner as to prevent the spread
17 of a communicable disease which affects man.

18 5. "Isolation" shall mean the separation of persons or
19 animals presumably or actually affected with a communicable
20 disease or who are disease carriers for the usual period
21 of communicability of that disease in such places, marked by
22 placards if necessary, and under such conditions as will
23 prevent the direct or indirect conveyance of the infectious
24 agent to susceptible persons.

25 6. "Quarantinable disease" shall mean any communicable

1 disease designated by rule adopted by the state department of
2 health as requiring quarantine or isolation to prevent its
3 spread.

4 Sec. 2. The physician or other health practitioner attend-
5 ing any person infected with a reportable disease shall imme-
6 diately report the same to the state department of health,
7 except, when a case occurs within the jurisdiction of a local
8 health department such report shall be made directly to the
9 local health department and to the state department of health.
10 The state department of health shall publish and distribute
11 instructions concerning method of reporting. Such reports
12 shall be made in accordance with rules adopted by the state
13 department of health. Such reports shall not be considered as
14 public records. Any person in good faith making a report of a
15 disease shall have immunity from any liability, civil or crim-
16 inal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

17 Sec. 3. The type and length of isolation or quarantine to
18 be imposed for a specific communicable disease shall be in
19 accordance with rules adopted by the state department of
20 health. The state department of health and the local board of
21 health have authority to impose and enforce isolation and
22 quarantine restrictions. The state department of health shall
23 adopt rules governing disinfection.

24 Sec. 4. When a quarantine is established, appropriate
25 placards prescribed by the state department of health shall be
26 erected to mark the boundaries of the place of quarantine.

27 Sec. 5. If a person known to be suffering from a communi-
28 cable disease dangerous to the public health moves from the
29 jurisdiction of a local board of health into the jurisdiction
30 of another local board of health, the board of health from
31 whose jurisdiction the person is moving will make notification
32 of such move to the board of health into whose jurisdiction
33 the person is moving.

34 Sec. 6. Sections one hundred thirty-nine point one (139.1),
35 one hundred thirty-nine point two (139.2), one hundred thirty-

1 nine point three (139.3), one hundred thirty-nine point four
 2 (139.4), one hundred thirty-nine point six (139.6), one hundred
 3 thirty-nine point seven (139.7), one hundred thirty-nine point
 4 eight (139.8), one hundred thirty-nine point nine (139.9), one
 5 hundred thirty-nine point ten (139.10), one hundred thirty-nine
 6 point eleven (139.11), one hundred thirty-nine point fourteen
 7 (139.14), one hundred thirty-nine point fifteen (139.15), one
 8 hundred thirty-nine point sixteen (139.16), one hundred thirty-
 9 nine point seventeen (139.17), one hundred thirty-nine point
 10 eighteen (139.18), one hundred thirty-nine point nineteen (139.19),
 11 one hundred thirty-nine point twenty (139.20), one hundred thirty-
 12 nine point twenty-one (139.21) and one hundred thirty-nine point
 13 twenty-two (139.22), Code 1966, are hereby repealed.

EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 504

This bill amends Chapter 139 of the Code of Iowa. The contagious disease act has not been revised for more than forty-four years. Provisions which are no longer considered necessary for public health protection such as the reporting of quarantinable diseases to the post office and the use of detention hospitals are repealed. The bill also facilitates the reporting of diseases.

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE FILE 504

Requested by Senator Kosek.

Date prepared April 1, 1969

Prepared in regard to Senate File 504, a bill for an act relating to communicable diseases.

Following is the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal as required by Rule 47: No fiscal note required.

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GERRY D. RANKIN
Legislative Fiscal Director

1 Amend Senate File 504, page 2, by striking in lines 13
 2 and 14 the words "Such reports shall not be considered as public
 3 records."

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By STANLEY, KOSEK and FREY