

## CHAPTER 135

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

S. F. 504

AN ACT relating to communicable diseases.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. For the purposes of this Act:  
2 1. "Communicable disease" shall mean any infectious or contagious  
3 disease spread from man to man or animal to man.  
4 2. "Placard" shall mean a warning sign to be erected and displayed on  
5 the periphery of a quarantine area, which sign will forbid entry to or exit  
6 from the area.  
7 3. "Reportable disease" shall mean any disease designated by rule adopt-  
8 ed by the state department of health requiring the occurrence to be re-  
9 ported to an appropriate authority.  
10 4. "Quarantine" shall mean the limitation of freedom of movement of  
11 persons or animals that have been exposed to a communicable disease  
12 within specified limits marked by placards for a period of time equal to the  
13 longest usual incubation period of the disease in such manner as to prevent  
14 the spread of a communicable disease which affects man.  
15 5. "Isolation" shall mean the separation of persons or animals presum-  
16 ably or actually affected with a communicable disease or who are disease  
17 carriers for the usual period of communicability of that disease in such  
18 places, marked by placards if necessary, and under such conditions as will  
19 prevent the direct or indirect conveyance of the infectious agent to suscep-  
20 tible persons.  
21 6. "Quarantinable disease" shall mean any communicable disease desig-  
22 nated by rule adopted by the state department of health as requiring  
23 quarantine or isolation to prevent its spread.
- 1 SEC. 2. The physician or other health practitioner attending any person  
2 infected with a reportable disease shall immediately report the same to the  
3 state department of health, except, when a case occurs within the jurisdic-  
4 tion of a local health department such report shall be made directly to the  
5 local health department and to the state department of health. The state  
6 department of health shall publish and distribute instructions concerning  
7 method of reporting. Such reports shall be made in accordance with rules  
8 adopted by the state department of health. Any person in good faith mak-  
9 ing a report of a disease shall have immunity from any liability, civil or  
10 criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed.
- 1 SEC. 3. The type and length of isolation or quarantine to be imposed  
2 for a specific communicable disease shall be in accordance with rules adopt-  
3 ed by the state department of health. The state department of health and  
4 the local board of health have authority to impose and enforce isolation  
5 and quarantine restrictions. The state department of health shall adopt  
6 rules governing disinfection.
- 1 SEC. 4. When a quarantine is established, appropriate placards pre-  
2 scribed by the state department of health shall be erected to mark the  
3 boundaries of the place of quarantine.

1 SEC. 5. If a person known to be suffering from a communicable  
2 disease dangerous to the public health moves from the jurisdiction of a  
3 local board of health into the jurisdiction of another local board of health,  
4 the board of health from whose jurisdiction the person is moving will make  
5 notification of such move to the board of health into whose jurisdiction the  
6 person is moving.

1 SEC. 6. Sections one hundred thirty-nine point one (139.1), one hun-  
2 dred thirty-nine point two (139.2), one hundred thirty-nine point three  
3 (139.3), one hundred thirty-nine point four (139.4), one hundred thirty-nine  
4 point six (139.6), one hundred thirty-nine point seven (139.7), one hundred  
5 thirty-nine point eight (139.8), one hundred thirty-nine point nine (139.9),  
6 one hundred thirty-nine point ten (139.10), one hundred thirty-nine point  
7 eleven (139.11), one hundred thirty-nine point fourteen (139.14), one hun-  
8 dred thirty-nine point fifteen (139.15), one hundred thirty-nine point six-  
9 teen (139.16), one hundred thirty-nine point seventeen (139.17), one hundred  
10 thirty-nine point eighteen (139.18), one hundred thirty-nine point nineteen  
11 (139.19), one hundred thirty-nine point twenty (139.20), one hundred thirty-  
12 nine point twenty-one (139.21), and one hundred thirty-nine point twenty-  
13 two (139.22), Code 1966, are hereby repealed.

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## CHAPTER 136

### CONTROL AND DIAGNOSIS OF VENEREAL DISEASE

S. F. 226

AN ACT relating to the control and diagnosis of venereal disease.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred forty (140), Code 1966, is hereby  
2 repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

1 SEC. 2. This Act shall be known as the "Venereal Disease Control  
2 Act".

1 SEC. 3. For the purposes of this Act venereal disease shall mean syphi-  
2 lis, gonorrhoea, chancroid, granuloma inguinale, and lymphogranuloma ve-  
3 nereum.

1 SEC. 4. Reports to the state department of health which include the  
2 identity of persons infected with venereal disease shall be kept secret, and  
3 all such information, records, and reports concerning the same shall be  
4 confidential and shall not be accessible to the public. However, such re-  
5 ports, information, and records shall be secret and confidential only to the  
6 extent which is necessary to prevent identification of persons named there-  
7 in; and the other parts of such reports, information, and records shall be  
8 public records. The preceding sentence shall prevail over any inconsistent  
9 provision of this Act.