

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2003 and 2004

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 315/2

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 22.12

Amends the Communicable Disease Prevention Act. Provides that rules adopted by the Department of Public Health concerning immunization of children against preventable communicable diseases must require separate vaccinations for measles, for mumps, and for rubella and may not permit a single vaccination for all 3 diseases.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Communicable Disease Prevention Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows:

(410 ILCS 315/2) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 22.12)

Sec. 2. The Department of Public Health shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring immunization of children against preventable communicable diseases designated by the Director. Before any regulation or amendment thereto is prescribed, the Department shall conduct a public hearing regarding such regulation. In addition, before any regulation or any amendment to a regulation is adopted, and after the Immunization Advisory Committee has made its recommendations, the State Board of Health shall conduct 3 public hearings, geographically distributed throughout the State, regarding the regulation or amendment to the regulation. At the conclusion of the hearings, the State Board of Health shall issue a report, including its recommendations, to the Director. The Director shall take into consideration any comments or recommendations made by the Board based on these hearings. The Department may prescribe additional rules and regulations for immunization of other diseases as vaccines are developed.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the rules adopted by the Department of Public Health concerning immunization of children against preventable communicable diseases must require separate vaccinations for measles, for mumps, and for rubella and may not permit a single vaccination for all 3 diseases.

The provisions of this Act shall not apply if:

1. The parent or guardian of the child objects thereto on the grounds that the administration of immunizing agents

- 1 conflicts with his religious tenets or practices or,
- 2 2. A physician employed by the parent or guardian to
- 3 provide care and treatment to the child states that the
- 4 physical condition of the child is such that the administration
- of one or more of the required immunizing agents would be
- 6 detrimental to the health of the child.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 90-607, eff. 6-30-98.)