

HB 1947 -- Biological Agents Registry

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Modify above as follows:

New summary as follows: This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish and administer a biological agents registry by January 1, 2003. This bill requires the department to develop rules for the implementation of the registry.

Persons who possess biological agents are required to submit specified information for inclusion in the registry. If a person who possesses biological agents discovers that a theft, loss or release of a biological agent has occurred, the person is required to alert the department immediately or no later than four hours after the discovery.

Information prepared for and maintained in the registry is confidential and not a public record. The department is authorized to release information contained in the registry for the purposes of conducting or aiding in a communicable disease investigation. The department is required to cooperate and may

release information to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state and federal law enforcement agencies in the event that a theft, loss or release of a biological agent has occurred.

The bill prohibits the release of information contained in the registry from being classified as a public record.

Persons who violate the provisions of the bill a will be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. Continuing violations of the bill are classified as separate offenses.