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Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2183

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 AN ACT concerning the designation and control of infectious and
2 contagious diseases; amending K.S.A. 65-116a and 65-128 and
3 repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-
4 129a.

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6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-116a is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
8 116a. As used in this act K.S.A. 65-116a through K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-
9 129f, and amendments thereto:

10 (a) The word "tuberculosis" shall be construed to mean that the
11 disease is in a communicable or infectious stage as established by chest x-
12 ray, microscopic examination of sputum, or other diagnostic procedures
13 approved by the secretary of health and environment; and "Blood" means
14 human blood, human blood components and products made from human
15 blood.

16 (b) the words "Health officer" shall include means the secretary of
17 health and environment or the secretary's designee and all local health
18 officers.

19 (c) "Infectious and contagious diseases" means those diseases so
20 designated by the secretary of health and environment pursuant to K.S.A.
21 65-128, and amendments thereto.

22 (d) "Occupational exposure" means skin, eye, mucous membrane or
23 parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that
24 might result from the performance of an employee's duties.

25 (e) "Other potentially infectious materials" means: (1) The human
26 body fluids including semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid,
27 synovial fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, peritoneal fluid, amniotic
28 fluid, saliva, any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, and
29 all body fluids in situations where it is difficult or impossible to
30 differentiate between body fluids; (2) any unfixed tissue or organ (other
31 than intact skin) from a human (living or dead); (3) cell or tissue cultures
32 containing human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), organ cultures, and
33 culture medium or other solutions containing HIV, the hepatitis B virus
34 (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and blood, organs, or other tissues from
35 experimental animals infected with HIV, HBV or HCV; and (4) other
36 biological materials, as designated by the secretary of health and

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1 environment, capable of transmitting an infectious or contagious disease-
2 causing agent from one person to another.
3 (f) "Tuberculosis" means a latent infection or active disease caused
4 by the bacterium, mycobacterium tuberculosis.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-128 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-128.

6 (a) For the protection of the public health and for the control of infectious
7 or contagious diseases, the secretary of health and environment by rules
8 and regulations shall designate such diseases as are infectious or
9 contagious in their nature, and the secretary of health and environment is
10 authorized to adopt rules and regulations for the isolation and quarantine
11 of such diseases and persons afflicted with or exposed to such diseases as
12 may be necessary to prevent the spread and dissemination of diseases
13 dangerous to the public health.

14 (b) As used in K.S.A. 65-118, 65-119, 65-122, 65-123, 65-126 and
15 65-129, and amendments thereto, "infectious or contagious disease" means
16 any disease designated by the secretary of health and environment as an
17 infectious or contagious disease in accordance with subsection (a) but the
18 infectious or contagious disease acquired through deficiency syndrome or
19 any causative agent thereof shall not constitute an infectious or contagious
20 disease for the purposes of K.S.A. 65-118, 65-119, 65-122, 65-123, 65-126
21 and 65-129, and amendments thereto, because such disease is subject to
22 the provisions of K.S.A. 65-6001 through 65-6007 and amendments
23 thereto. The secretary of health and environment is authorized to issue
24 such orders and adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary to
25 prevent the spread and dissemination of diseases injurious to the public
26 health, including, but not limited to, providing for the testing for such
27 diseases and the isolation and quarantine of persons afflicted with or
28 exposed to such diseases.

29 (c) No later than January 1, 2014, the secretary shall develop and
30 adopt rules and regulations providing for the protection of individuals who
31 provide medical or nursing services, clinical or forensic laboratory
32 services, emergency medical services and firefighting, law enforcement
33 and correctional services, or who provide any other services or
34 individuals who receive any such services or are in any other
35 employment where the individual may encounter occupational exposure to
36 blood and other potentially infectious materials.

37 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-116a and 65-128 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-129a
38 are hereby repealed.

39 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
40 publication in the statute book.

New Sec. 3. The changes to law in this act shall be known as Chy J. Miller's law.

And renumbering the remaining sections accordingly