

No. 1996-15

AN ACT

HB 1578

Providing for the prevention of hepatitis B and for additional duties of the Department of Health.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Hepatitis B Prevention Act.

Section 2. Statewide program.

The Department of Health shall establish a Statewide program for the prevention of hepatitis B through immunization of children consistent with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 3. Implementation.

The Secretary of Health shall cause hepatitis B to be placed on the list of diseases that require immunization for entry into school after August 1, 1997, consistent with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of March, A.D. 1996.

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