
SENATE BILL No. 277

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2; IC 16-41; IC 16-42-25; IC 35-42-1.

Synopsis: Duty to warn about AIDS and related matters. Defines "carrier" and "risk counseling" for purposes of health care and the criminal law. Relocates AIDS crimes from the Indiana Code chapter concerning homicide to the Indiana Code title concerning health. Makes the reckless, knowing, or intentional failure to warn a sexual or needle sharing partner about a person's status as an AIDS, HIV, or Hepatitis B carrier: (1) a Class B misdemeanor for first time offenders; and (2) a Class D felony when the carrier is a repeat offender. Provides standards for a duty to warn. Makes other related changes.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-49 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 49. (a) "Carrier", for
3 purposes of IC 16-41, means a person who has:

- 4 (1) tuberculosis in a communicable stage; ~~or~~
- 5 (2) another dangerous communicable disease; ~~or~~
- 6 **(3) been diagnosed as having a dangerous communicable**
- 7 **disease described in IC 16-41-7-1(a) and has received risk**
- 8 **counseling.**

9 (b) "Carrier", for purposes of IC 16-41-35-39, refers to a
10 carrier of nuclear waste.

11 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-66.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
12 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 66.7. "Component", for purposes**
14 **of IC 16-41-13-7, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-13-7.**

15 SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-170 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 170. "High risk
17 activity", for purposes of IC 16-41-7, has the meaning set forth in



1 ~~IC 16-41-7-1(b)~~: **IC 16-41-7-1.**

2 SECTION 4. IC 16-18-2-275 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 275. (a) "Person at
4 risk", for purposes of IC 16-41-7-4, has the meaning set forth in
5 IC 16-41-7-4(a).

6 (b) "Person at risk", for purposes of IC 16-41-7-1, **IC 16-41-7-2**, and
7 IC 16-41-7-3, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 16-41-7-1(c)~~:
8 **IC 16-41-7-1.**

9 SECTION 5. IC 16-18-2-319.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
10 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 319.5. "Risk counseling", for**
12 **purposes of IC 16-41, means that a person has been:**

13 **(1) notified in person that tests have confirmed the presence**
14 **of antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or**
15 **Hepatitis B virus in the person's blood;**

16 **(2) counseled regarding:**

17 **(A) behaviors demonstrated epidemiologically as**
18 **transmitting a dangerous communicable disease described**
19 **in IC 16-41-7-1(a); and**

20 **(B) methods demonstrated epidemiologically as preventing**
21 **or reducing the transmission of a dangerous communicable**
22 **disease described in IC 16-41-7-1(a); and**

23 **(3) informed about the person's duty to warn under**
24 **IC 16-41-7-1(d).**

25 SECTION 6. IC 16-41-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 1. (a) This section
27 applies to the following dangerous communicable diseases:

28 (1) Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

29 (2) Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

30 (3) Hepatitis B.

31 (b) As used in this section, "high risk activity" means sexual or
32 needle sharing contact that has been demonstrated epidemiologically
33 to transmit a dangerous communicable disease described in subsection
34 (a).

35 (c) As used in this section, "person at risk" means:

36 (1) past and present sexual or needle sharing partners who may
37 have engaged in high risk activity; or

38 (2) sexual or needle sharing partners before engaging in high risk
39 activity;

40 **with the carrier of a person who has been diagnosed as having a**
41 **dangerous communicable disease described in subsection (a). The**
42 **term does not include a person who has allegedly committed rape**



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1 under IC 35-42-4-1, criminal deviate conduct under IC 35-42-4-2,
 2 child molesting under IC 35-42-4-3, child solicitation under
 3 IC 35-42-4-6, child seduction under IC 35-42-4-7, sexual battery
 4 under IC 35-42-4-8, or sexual misconduct with a minor under
 5 IC 35-42-4-9.

6 (d) Carriers who know of their status as a carrier of a dangerous
 7 communicable disease described in subsection (a) have a duty to warn
 8 or cause to be warned by a third party a person at risk of the following:

9 (1) The carrier's disease status.

10 (2) The need to seek health care such as counseling and testing.

11 SECTION 7. IC 16-41-7-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-1999,
 12 SECTION 47, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in ~~IC 35-42-1-9~~, A
 14 person carrier who recklessly, **knowingly, or intentionally** violates
 15 or fails to comply with this chapter commits a Class B misdemeanor.

16 (b) Each day a violation ~~continues~~ constitutes a separate offense.

17 SECTION 8. IC 16-41-7-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 18 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 19 1, 2000]: Sec. 6. (a) A carrier who:

20 (1) recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally violates or fails to
 21 comply with section 1 of this chapter; and

22 (2) has a previous unrelated conviction for a violation of
 23 section 5 of this chapter, this section, IC 16-41-13-7,
 24 IC 16-41-14-21, IC 35-42-1-7 (before its repeal), IC 35-42-1-9
 25 (before its repeal), or an offense under the laws of the United
 26 States or another state that is substantially similar to an
 27 offense described in section 5 of this chapter, this section, or
 28 IC 16-41-13-7;

29 commits a Class D felony.

30 (b) Each violation described in this section constitutes a separate
 31 offense.

32 SECTION 9. IC 16-41-8-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 33 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as
 34 provided in subsections (d) and (e), a person may not disclose or be
 35 compelled to disclose medical or epidemiological information
 36 involving a communicable disease or other disease that is a danger to
 37 health (as defined under rules adopted under IC 16-41-2-1). This
 38 information may not be released or made public upon subpoena or
 39 otherwise, except under the following circumstances:

40 (1) Release may be made of medical or epidemiologic information
 41 for statistical purposes if done in a manner that does not identify
 42 an individual.



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1 (2) Release may be made of medical or epidemiologic information
 2 with the written consent of all individuals identified in the
 3 information released.

4 (3) Release may be made of medical or epidemiologic information
 5 to the extent necessary to enforce public health laws, laws
 6 described in IC 31-37-19-4 through IC 31-37-19-6, IC 31-37-19-9
 7 through IC 31-37-19-10, IC 31-37-19-12 through IC 31-37-19-23,
 8 IC 35-38-1-7.1, ~~and IC 35-42-1-7~~, **IC 16-41-7-6, IC 16-41-13-7,**
 9 **and IC 16-41-14-21**, or to protect the health or life of a named
 10 party.

11 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a), a person responsible for
 12 recording, reporting, or maintaining information required to be reported
 13 under IC 16-41-2 who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally discloses
 14 or fails to protect medical or epidemiologic information classified as
 15 confidential under this section commits a Class A misdemeanor.

16 (c) In addition to subsection (b), a public employee who violates this
 17 section is subject to discharge or other disciplinary action under the
 18 personnel rules of the agency that employs the employee.

19 (d) Release shall be made of the medical records concerning an
 20 individual to the individual or to a person authorized in writing by the
 21 individual to receive the medical records.

22 (e) An individual may voluntarily disclose information about the
 23 individual's communicable disease.

24 (f) The provisions of this section regarding confidentiality apply to
 25 information obtained under IC 16-41-1 through IC 16-41-16.

26 SECTION 10. IC 16-41-13-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 27 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
 28 **[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 7. (a) This section does not apply**
 29 **to:**

30 **(1) a person who, for reasons of privacy, donates, sells, or**
 31 **transfers blood or a blood component at a blood center after**
 32 **the person has notified the blood center that the blood or**
 33 **blood component must be disposed of and may not be used for**
 34 **any purpose; or**

35 **(2) a person who transfers blood, a blood component, or**
 36 **another body fluid that contains the human immunodeficiency**
 37 **virus (HIV) for research purposes.**

38 **(b) As used in this section, "component" means plasma,**
 39 **platelets, or serum of a human being.**

40 **(c) A carrier who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally**
 41 **donates, sells, or transfers blood or a blood component that**
 42 **contains the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) commits**



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1 transferring contaminated blood, a Class C felony. However, the
 2 offense is a Class A felony if it results in the transmission of the
 3 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to a person other than the
 4 defendant.

5 SECTION 11. IC 16-41-14-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 6 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 21. (a) This section does not apply**
 8 **to a person who transfers semen or another body fluid that**
 9 **contains the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) for research**
 10 **purposes.**

11 (b) A carrier who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally
 12 donates, sells, or transfers semen for artificial insemination that
 13 contains the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) commits
 14 transferring contaminated semen, a Class C felony. However, the
 15 offense is a Class A felony if it results in the transmission of the
 16 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to a person other than the
 17 defendant.

18 SECTION 12. IC 16-42-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 19 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2000]:

21 **Chapter 25. AIDS Home Testing Kits**

22 **Sec. 1. The sale or distribution of:**

- 23 (1) diagnostic testing equipment or apparatus; or
 24 (2) a blood collection kit;

25 intended for home use to diagnose or confirm human
 26 immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection or disease is prohibited
 27 unless the testing equipment, apparatus, or kit has been approved
 28 for use by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

29 **Sec. 2. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates section**
 30 **1 of this chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.**

31 SECTION 13. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2000]: IC 35-42-1-7; IC 35-42-1-8; IC 35-42-1-9.

33 SECTION 14. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000] A felony or
 34 misdemeanor committed under IC 35-42-1-7, IC 35-42-1-8, or
 35 IC 35-42-1-9 before July 1, 2000, may be prosecuted and remains
 36 punishable as provided in IC 35-42-1-7, IC 35-42-1-8, and
 37 IC 35-42-1-9, as in effect before their repeal by this act. This act
 38 does not affect penalties incurred or proceedings begun before July
 39 1, 2000.



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