

October 30, 2001

H 1472. BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY. DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY, AND IMPOSING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS. Adds new GS 130A-149 requiring DHHS to establish and administer program for registration of biological agents, defined as microorganisms, viruses, infectious substances, and other products capable of causing death, disease, deterioration of food, and other serious harms to public health or safety. Requires Comm'n on Health Services to adopt rules for implementing registry program. Provides that information in registry is confidential and not a public record; allows release only in designated instances, such as in connection with communicable disease investigation. Requires DHHS to impose civil penalty of \$1,000 per day for violation. Effective Jan. 1, 2002.

Intro. by Culpepper.

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H 1472. BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY. Intro. 10/30/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Requires registration of biological agents by any person in state (was, laboratory, medical, or research facilities). Revises definition of biological agent to match definitions in federal regulations. Specifies additional rules to be adopted by Comm'n on Health Services to implement act.

November 29, 2001

SL 2001-469 (H 1472). BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY. AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY, AND IMPOSING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 10/30/01 and 11/6/01. Enacted Nov. 28, 2001. Effective Jan. 1, 2002.