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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Grimsley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 126 - 185

and insert:

(d) "Quarantine" means the separation of an asymptomatic individual or a premises reasonably believed to have been exposed to a communicable disease from individuals who have not been exposed to the disease to prevent its possible spread.

(2) Individuals who assist the State Health Officer at his or her request on a volunteer basis during a public health



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11 emergency are entitled to the benefits specified in s.
12 110.504(2), (3), (4), and (5).

13 (3) To facilitate effective emergency management, when the
14 United States Department of Health and Human Services contracts
15 for the manufacture and delivery of licensable products in
16 response to a public health emergency and the terms of those
17 contracts are made available to the states, the department shall
18 accept funds provided by counties, municipalities, and other
19 entities designated in the state emergency management plan
20 required under s. 252.35(2)(a) for the purpose of participation
21 in those contracts. The department shall deposit those funds in
22 the Grants and Donations Trust Fund and expend those funds on
23 behalf of the donor county, municipality, or other entity for
24 the purchase of the licensable products made available under the
25 contract.

26 (4) The department has the duty and the authority to
27 declare, enforce, modify, and abolish the isolation or
28 quarantine ~~quarantines~~ of persons, animals, and premises as the
29 circumstances indicate for controlling communicable diseases or
30 providing protection from unsafe conditions that pose a threat
31 to public health, except as provided in ss. 384.28 and 392.545-
32 392.60. Any order the department issues pursuant to this
33 subsection is immediately enforceable by a law enforcement
34 officer under s. 381.0012.

35 (5) The department shall adopt rules to specify the
36 conditions and procedures for imposing and lifting an order for
37 isolation or ~~and releasing a quarantine~~. The rules must include
38 provisions related to:

39 (a) The closure of premises.



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40 (b) The movement of persons or animals exposed to or
41 infected with a communicable disease.

42 (c) The tests or treatment, including vaccination, for
43 communicable disease required prior to employment or admission
44 to the premises or to comply with an isolation or a quarantine
45 order.

46 (d) Testing or destruction of animals with or suspected of
47 having a disease transmissible to humans.

48 (e) Access by the department to persons in isolation or
49 quarantine or to premises housing persons in isolation or in
50 quarantine quarantined premises.

51 (f) The disinfection of isolated or quarantined animals,
52 persons, or premises.

53 (g) Methods of isolation or quarantine.

54 (6) The rules adopted under this section and actions taken
55 by the department pursuant to a declared public health
56 emergency, isolation, or quarantine shall supersede all rules
57 enacted by other state departments, boards or commissions, and
58 ordinances and regulations enacted by political subdivisions of
59 the state. Any person who violates any rule adopted under this
60 section, any order of isolation or quarantine, or any
61 requirement adopted by the department pursuant to a declared
62 public health emergency, commits a misdemeanor of the second
63 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

64 Section 3. The Legislature finds that this act fulfills an
65 important state interest by providing measures for the control
66 of communicable diseases and the protection of public health.

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69 And the title is amended as follows:

70 Between lines 14 and 15

71 insert:

72 providing a legislative finding of important state

73 interest;