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Act No. 149 (S.90). Health; public health

An act relating to establishing an amyotrophic lateral sclerosis registry

This act directs the Commissioner of Health to establish, maintain, and operate a statewide amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) incidence registry. It further requires a health care provider that screens for, diagnoses, or provides therapeutic services to patients with ALS to report to the Department of Health all individuals diagnosed as having ALS within six months following the date of diagnosis. Each year, the Department is required to submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly containing the statewide prevalence and incidence estimates of ALS.

This act directs the Commissioner of Health to develop written materials that provide information about the National Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, which shall be made available to all licensed health care providers in Vermont.

This act also directs the Department of Health to seek and apply for grants to fund the statewide ALS registry and, as part of its fiscal year 2024 presentation, to describe any grants applied for or awarded for this purpose or other identified funding sources.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2022