

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 253

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
5 HUMAN SERVICES TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY."

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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NEW SECTION. Section 1. Duties of department during public health emergency. (1) If the

10 governor has declared a state of emergency pursuant to 10-3-303 that is considered a public health

11 emergency, the department shall make at minimum, a daily twice weekly disclosure of health information in
12 accordance with the confidentiality requirements of 50-16-603 on the department's website and any other
13 means considered necessary to communicate to the public the total number of individuals:

14 (a) hospitalized in the state due to conditions, diagnoses, or other impacts to an individual's health
15 that have been identified by the governor as a basis for the public health emergency; and

16 (b) who have died as a result of conditions, diagnoses, or other impacts to an individual's health
17 that have been identified by the governor as a basis for the public health emergency.

18 (2) For Except as provided in subsection (3), for each category identified in subsections (1)(a) and
19 (1)(b)- the department shall disclose:

20 (a) the number of individuals within the following age cohorts

21 (i) 0 to ~~5~~ 4;

22 (ii) ~~6 to 15 5 to 17~~

23 (iii) ~~16 to 25~~ 18 to 34;

24 (iv) ~~26 to 35~~ 35 to 49;

25 (v) ~~36 to 45 50 to 64~~; and

26 (vi) ~~46 to 55; 65 and older;~~

27 (vii) 56 to 65;

28 (viii) 66 to 75;

19 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
20 integral part of Title 50, chapter 4 16, part 2 6, and the provisions of Title 50, chapter 4 16, part 2 6, apply to
21 [section 1].

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