

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."

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

**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)  
19 and (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

37 (viii) 56 to 65:

28 (viii) 66 to 75:

15 (3) IF DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2) WOULD COMPROMISE PRIVACY,  
16 THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALTER HOW IT REPORTS THE INFORMATION, INCLUDING AGE COHORT GROUPINGS, OR NOT  
17 DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION.

20        **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
21        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  
22        [section 1].

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