

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL**No. 1690** Session of
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of Drug
22 and Alcohol Programs, providing for xylazine awareness
23 education.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Article XXIII-A of the act of April 9, 1929
27 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is

1 amended by adding a subarticle to read:

2 SUBARTICLE C

3 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

4 Section 2331-A. Xylazine awareness education.

5 (A) POWERS AND DUTIES.--The Department of Drug and Alcohol <--
6 Programs, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE <--
7 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, shall have the power and its duty
8 shall be to:

9 (1) Enter into partnerships with health care providers,
10 including physicians and veterinarians, and community-based
11 health centers and hospitals to educate Pennsylvanians on the
12 dangers of human use of xylazine.

13 (2) Create informational materials in electronic and
14 physical form, in coordination with the partners described in
15 paragraph (1), which may be distributed to or accessed by
16 Pennsylvanians. The informational materials must include:

17 (i) The effects on the human body of the use of
18 xylazine.

19 (ii) How to talk to family and friends about the
20 dangers of human use of xylazine.

21 (iii) The legitimate uses of xylazine for animal
22 use.

23 (iv) Any other information that the Department of
24 Drug and Alcohol Programs deems necessary to prepare and
25 educate residents of this Commonwealth on the dangers of
26 human use of xylazine.

27 (B) EXPIRATION.--UPON A DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY OF <--
28 HEALTH THAT THE HUMAN USE OF XYLAZINE NO LONGER POSES A
29 SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE
30 COMMONWEALTH, THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH SHALL SUBMIT A NOTICE TO

1 THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE ISSUE OF
2 THE PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN. THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE UPON
3 PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.