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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Requiring the preparation and publication of information  
2 relating to the influenza vaccine for individuals residing in  
3 assisted living residences; and imposing duties on the  
4 Department of Health.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Influenza  
9 Awareness Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Assisted living residence." The term as defined under 55  
15 Pa. Code § 2800.4 (relating to definitions).

16 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

17 Section 3. Influenza vaccine information.

18 (a) General rule.--The department shall:

19 (1) Prepare and publish information relating to the

1 influenza vaccine for individuals residing in assisted living  
2 residences.

3 (2) Require each assisted living residence in this  
4 Commonwealth to:

5 (i) post the information in a public place in the  
6 facility by August 1 of each year; and

7 (ii) provide the information to each resident within  
8 a reasonable time and without cost.

9 (b) Information required.--The information relating to the  
10 influenza vaccine for individuals residing in assisted living  
11 residences required under this section shall include:

12 (1) How vaccination can help prevent influenza.

13 (2) The availability and efficacy of the influenza  
14 vaccine.

15 (3) A recommendation that individuals consult with their  
16 physicians about the influenza vaccine.

17 (4) The particular individual and community benefits of  
18 vaccination.

19 Section 4. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.