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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to infectious disease control; 3 amending s. 381.0011, F.S.; providing duties of the Department of Health relating to the dissemination of 4 5 information regarding treatment-resistant bacterial 6 infections; providing for the establishment of a 7 research panel and an interagency task force; 8 requiring the department to adopt and enforce minimum 9 standards for infection control practices in certain 10 licensed facilities; providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 Section 1. Section 381.0011, Florida Statutes, is amended 14 15 to read: 381.0011 Duties and powers of the Department of Health.-It 16 17 is the duty of the Department of Health to: Assess the public health status and needs of the 18 (1)19 state. 20 Administer and enforce laws and rules relating to

- (2) Administer and enforce laws and rules relating to sanitation, control of <u>infectious</u> communicable diseases, illnesses and hazards to health among humans and from animals to humans, and the general health of the people of the state.
- (3) Coordinate with federal, state, and local officials for the prevention and suppression of <u>infectious</u> communicable and other diseases, illnesses, injuries, and hazards to human

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- (4) Provide for a thorough investigation and study of the incidence, causes, modes of propagation and transmission, and means of prevention, control, and cure of diseases, illnesses, and hazards to human health.
- (5) Provide for the dissemination of information to the public <u>relating relative</u> to the prevention, control, and cure of diseases, illnesses, and hazards to human health, including <u>information reported by licensed health care practitioners under subsection</u> (6).
- chapter 464 to report the presence of confirmed treatmentresistant bacterial infections. The website shall require the
 practitioner to enter his or her license number, the location of
 the confirmed treatment-resistant bacterial infection, and the
 type of bacterial infection. The department shall adopt rules
 establishing a method to ensure that only one report per
 confirmed case is displayed on the publicly accessible part of
 the website. The department shall adopt rules requiring that the
 identity of the practitioner not be displayed on the publicly
 accessible part of the website and that the report not disclose
 protected health information but only documents the presence,
 type, and location of a confirmed treatment-resistant bacterial
 infection.
 - (7) (6) Act as registrar of vital statistics.

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(8) (7) Manage and coordinate emergency preparedness and disaster response functions to: investigate and control the spread of disease; coordinate the availability and staffing of special needs shelters; support patient evacuation; ensure the safety of food and drugs; provide critical incident stress debriefing; and provide surveillance and control of radiological, chemical, biological, and other environmental hazards.

- (9) Establish a research panel composed of experts in the field of treatment-resistant bacterial infections, which shall make recommendations to state agencies regarding biomedical research programs designed to improve treatment outcomes and develop protocols to control the incidence of treatment-resistant bacterial infections.
- (10) Establish and lead an interagency task force that includes representatives from health care providers, interested trade associations, and other state agencies to:
- (a) Identify emergency response protocols for facilities licensed under part II of chapter 408 when an outbreak of a treatment-resistant bacterial infection occurs in such a facility.
- (b) Establish a volunteer statewide emergency response team to investigate, document, and report the presence and outbreak of a treatment-resistant bacterial infection to the department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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