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(1) Asiatic cholera;

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Representatives Creech, Schmidt

To amend section 3701.23 of the Revised Code to

and conditions to the Department of Health.

require the reporting of tick-related diseases

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:		
Section 1. That section 3701.23 of the Revised Code be	4	
amended to read as follows:	5	
Sec. 3701.23. (A) As used in this section, "health care	6	
provider" means any person or government entity that provides	7	
health care services to individuals. "Health care provider"	8	
includes, but is not limited to, hospitals, medical clinics and	9	
offices, special care facilities, medical laboratories,	10	
physicians, pharmacists, dentists, physician assistants,	11	
registered and licensed practical nurses, laboratory	12	
technicians, emergency medical service organization personnel,	13	
and ambulance service organization personnel.	14	
(B) Boards of health, health authorities or officials,	15	
health care providers in localities in which there are no health	16	
authorities or officials, and coroners or medical examiners	17	
shall report promptly to the department of health the existence	18	
of any of the following:	19	

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(2) Yellow fever;	21
(3) Diphtheria;	22
(4) Typhus or typhoid fever;	23
(5) Tick-related diseases and conditions, including all of	24
the following:	25
(a) Alpha-gal syndrome;	26
(b) Anaplasmosis;	27
(c) Babesiosis;	28
(d) Ehrlichiosis;	29
(e) Lyme disease;	30
(f) Powassan virus disease;	31
(g) Rocky mountain spotted fever;	32
(h) Tularemia;	33
(i) Southern tick-associated rash illness.	34
(6) As specified by the director of health, other	35
contagious or infectious diseases, illnesses, health conditions,	36
or unusual infectious agents or biological toxins posing a risk	37
of human fatality or disability.	38
(C) No person shall fail to comply with the reporting	39
requirements established under division (B) of this section.	40
(D) The reports required by this section shall be	41
submitted on forms, as required by statute or rule, and in the	42
manner the director of health prescribes.	43
(E) Information reported under this section that is	44
protected health information pursuant to section 3701.17 of the	4.5

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Revised Code shall be released only in accordance with that	46
section. Information that does not identify an individual may be	47
released in summary, statistical, or aggregate form.	48
Section 2. That existing section 3701.23 of the Revised	49
Code is hereby repealed.	50