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To amend section 3701.23 of the Revised Code to 1
require the reporting of tick-related diseases 2
and conditions to the Department of Health. 3

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

(1) Asiatic cholera; 20

(2) Yellow fever;	21
(3) Diphtheria;	22
(4) Typhus or typhoid fever;	23
(5) <u>Tick-related diseases and conditions, including all of</u>	24
<u>the following:</u>	25
<u>(a) Alpha-gal syndrome;</u>	26
<u>(b) Anaplasmosis;</u>	27
<u>(c) Babesiosis;</u>	28
<u>(d) Ehrlichiosis;</u>	29
<u>(e) Lyme disease;</u>	30
<u>(f) Powassan virus disease;</u>	31
<u>(g) Rocky mountain spotted fever;</u>	32
<u>(h) Tularemia;</u>	33
<u>(i) Southern tick-associated rash illness.</u>	34
<u>(6) As specified by the director of health, other</u>	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	45

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