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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 190.350, 190.353, and 190.355, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to poison information and control.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 190.350, 190.353, and 190.355, RSMo, are repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 190.353 and 190.355, to read as follows:

190.353. 1. The [advisory committee on poison control] **department of health and**
2 **senior services** shall:

3 (1) Provide for the establishment of a "Missouri Regional Poison Information Center"
4 capable of providing the services described in subsection [3] 2 of this section based on the best
5 demonstrated ability to perform such services as evidenced by past performance of such services
6 and by current certification as a regional poison control center by the American Association of
7 Poison Control Centers[;]. **The department shall, in conjunction with local health agencies**
8 **and health care providers, determine the region to be served by the center; and**

9 (2) Provide for the establishment of a "Missouri Poison Control Network" to consist of
10 poison prevention and treatment centers throughout the state of Missouri, representing all
11 federally designated emergency medical services areas[;]

12 (3) Establish policies for data collection at poison treatment centers and procedures for
13 the medical treatment of victims of poisoning and overdose;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 (4) Develop a systematic plan for the statewide education of the general public and
15 health care professionals on the control and proper use of poisonous substances and the treatment
16 of poison victims;

17 (5) Cooperate with the Missouri poison information center in systems evaluation and in
18 review of morbidity and mortality rates among poison victims; and

19 (6) Fund educational programs at area poison treatment centers for the general public and
20 for health care professionals.

21 2. The committee shall submit an annual report to the presiding officers of each house
22 of the general assembly and the department of health and senior services concerning the
23 administration of the Missouri poison control network, and shall cooperate with the department
24 of health and senior services for the purpose of providing data for health planning].

25 [3.] 2. The Missouri poison information center shall provide:

26 (1) A twenty-four hour toll-free telephone referral and information service for the general
27 public and health care professionals, supervised by a physician who is board-certified in the field
28 of clinical toxicology and staffed by licensed professionals who are certified as information
29 specialists or whose certification is pending, according to the requirements of the American
30 Association of Poison Control Centers;

31 (2) Design and coordination of appropriate public and professional education services
32 in the area of poison treatment and prevention;

33 (3) Plans for cooperation between the Missouri poison control network and health and
34 emergency service agencies and associations involved in poison control activities;

35 (4) Program evaluation and systematic data collection on poison exposures in
36 cooperation with the department of health and senior services; and

37 (5) Coordination of poison control, treatment, and education activities of poison
38 prevention and treatment centers.

190.355. The [advisory committee on poison control may contract for services from such
2 private persons, agencies, and corporations as are necessary to fully effectuate the purposes of
3 sections 190.350 to 190.355, and] **Missouri regional poison information center** shall fully
4 utilize existing institutions and services for the control and treatment of poisons.

2 [190.350. 1. The "Advisory Committee on Poison Control" is hereby
created within the department of health and senior services.

3 2. The committee shall consist of nine members, as follows:

4 (1) The director of the department of health and senior services or his
5 designee;

6 (2) One health care professional with demonstrated ability and
7 experience in the area of poison from each of the seven federally designated
8 emergency medical services areas in this state. Such members shall be appointed
9 by the governing body of each area, or, in cases where no governing body has

10 been formed, by the director of the department of health and senior services, and
11 shall serve terms of four years; and

12 (3) The director of the Missouri poison information center established
13 pursuant to section 190.353.

14 3. The committee shall meet within ten days after September 28, 1985,
15 and organize by selecting a chairman and vice chairman. A majority of the
16 members shall constitute a quorum.

17 4. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but
18 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
19 performance of their official duties.]

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