HB 1358 -- CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

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The bill creates the "True COVID Liability Act" and contains many declarative statements regarding epidemiology, public policy relating to contagious diseases including COVID-19, susceptibility to contagious diseases, personal accountability, legal liability and government-mandated responses as outlined.

The bill prohibits the state or any political subdivision thereof as a response to a contagious disease from quarantining an individual in any way or limiting the use of otherwise lawful activities in any private property or premises in which extraordinary prevalence of a contagious disease has not been proven.

No individual, owner, or entity shall be subject to criminal or civil liability in any action alleging exposure to a contagious disease on premises controlled by such person unless they knowingly and purposely with malice, exposed an individual to a contagious disease where such exposure caused the exposed individual to suffer from a clinical disease.

The bill contains an emergency clause.