

HB 1855 -- DISEASES REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED TO DHSS

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to designate noncommunicable diseases that are of public health concern, including Lyme disease and alpha-gal syndrome, and enforce orders, findings, rules, and regulations to prevent the spread of these diseases and to determine their prevalence in the state.

Any required case report for noncommunicable disease must be submitted to the Department within seven days of receiving a positive laboratory confirmation. For any case other than alpha-gal, the entity responsible for submitting the report shall be the health care provider treating the patient. For any case of alpha-gal syndrome, the laboratory finalizing the positive test result is the responsible entity.

The Department is required to follow up on reported cases of alpha-gal syndrome by applying a random sampling method for confirmation that the cases meet the current CDC surveillance case definition of the disease.

The Department is also required to submit an annual report to the CDC summarizing its findings related to the reporting and incidences of the diseases specified under the provisions of this bill.