

HCS HB 1855 -- DISEASE SURVEILLANCE (Overcast)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health

This bill adds alpha-gal syndrome to the list of diseases that must be reported to the Department of Health and Senior Services. Any alpha-gal syndrome case report must be submitted to the Department within seven days of receiving a positive laboratory confirmation.

Subject to appropriations, the Department will follow up on reported cases by applying a random sampling method for confirmation that the cases meet the most current surveillance case definition of alpha-gal syndrome of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The bill requires the Department to submit an annual report to the CDC summarizing its findings related to the reporting and incidence of alpha-gal syndrome.