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HOUSE BILL NO. 1304

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Governor

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the emergency powers of the Department of
2 Health.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 34-22 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 For the purposes of this Act, a public health emergency is an occurrence or imminent threat
7 of an illness, health condition, or widespread exposure to an infectious or toxic agent that poses
8 a significant risk of substantial harm to the affected population.

9 Section 2. That chapter 34-22 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
10 follows:

11 The secretary of health, with the consent of the Governor, may declare a public health
12 emergency as defined by section 1 of this Act. In declaring a public health emergency, the
13 secretary shall issue an order that specifies:

- 14 (1) The nature of the public health emergency;
- 15 (2) The geographic area subject to the declaration;



1 (3) The conditions that have brought about the public health emergency; and

2 (4) The expected duration of the state of public health emergency, if less than thirty days.

3 Section 3. That chapter 34-22 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
4 follows:

5 The department shall have primary jurisdiction, responsibility, and authority for responding
6 to a public health emergency declared pursuant to section 2 of this Act including:

7 (1) Planning and executing public health emergency assessment, mitigation, preparedness,
8 and response;

9 (2) Coordinating public health emergency response between state and local authorities;

10 (3) Collaborating with relevant federal, state, tribal, and local authorities; and

11 (4) Organizing public information activities regarding public health emergency response
12 operations.

13 The Department of Health may promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to implement the
14 provisions of this section.

15 Section 4. That chapter 34-22 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
16 follows:

17 Any public health emergency declared pursuant to section 2 of this Act shall be terminated
18 automatically after thirty days unless renewed by the secretary under the same standards and
19 procedures set forth in section 2 of this Act.

20 Section 5. That § 34-3-26 be amended to read as follows:

21 34-3-26. The powers and duties of the board of health in a full-time county or district health
22 department shall be the same as those specified for county boards of health and the
23 superintendents thereof as provided for by ~~§§ 34-2-4 to 34-2-10~~ §§ 34-16-19 to 34-16-20,
24 inclusive, and sections 8 and 9 of this Act.

1 Section 6. That chapter 34-16 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
2 follows:

3 Each county may establish a county board of health which shall be composed of the state's
4 attorney of the county, who shall be president of the board; a physician, a physician assistant, or
5 nurse practitioner who practices in the county, appointed by the Department of Health, who shall
6 serve as superintendent of the board of health; and one other resident of the county.

7 Section 7. That chapter 34-16 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
8 follows:

9 The county board of health shall meet at the county seat at such times as the superintendent
10 may designate. The president of the county board of health shall preside at the meetings.

11 Section 8. That chapter 34-16 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
12 follows:

13 The superintendent of the county board of health shall have charge of and superintend,
14 subject to the approval of the board, all the matters and things specified in this chapter. In case
15 of immediate danger to the health of persons, the superintendent may act without consultation
16 with the county board, for the prevention of such danger, and shall immediately report the action
17 to the president of the county board and to the secretary of health.

18 Section 9. That chapter 34-16 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
19 follows:

20 The county board of health, within the territorial limits of its county not included in any first
21 or second class municipality having its own board of health, may remove or cause to be removed
22 any dead, decaying, or putrid body, or any decayed, putrid, or other substance that may endanger
23 the health of persons or domestic animals.

24 Section 10. That § 34-2-1 be repealed.

1 ~~34-2-1. There shall be a county board of health which shall be composed of the state's~~
2 ~~attorney of the county, who shall be president thereof, and two licensed physicians, residents of~~
3 ~~the county, appointed by the Department of Health, one of whom shall be named superintendent~~
4 ~~and the other vice-president of such county board, and whose term of office shall be for two~~
5 ~~years. In counties where there are no resident physicians, the Department of Health may provide~~
6 ~~for such county boards under such rules and regulations as it may deem proper.~~

7 Section 11. That § 34-2-2 be repealed.

8 ~~34-2-2. Should a vacancy occur in any county board of health from any cause other than the~~
9 ~~expiration of the time for which a member had been appointed, the secretary of health shall, upon~~
10 ~~proper notification of such vacancy, proceed to appoint a proper person to fill the vacancy.~~

11 Section 12. That § 34-2-3 be repealed.

12 ~~34-2-3. The county board of health shall meet at the county seat at such times as the~~
13 ~~superintendent may designate, notice of the time and place of meeting to be given by him to the~~
14 ~~other members of the board at least five days prior to the meeting. The president of the county~~
15 ~~board of health shall preside at the meetings thereof.~~

16 Section 13. That § 34-2-4 be repealed.

17 ~~34-2-4. The superintendent of the county board of health shall be ex officio secretary of the~~
18 ~~board of health of his county and shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the board and of~~
19 ~~his official acts and shall at the end of every month make a full report in writing to the secretary~~
20 ~~of health of the proceedings of the county board and of his official acts, and of the condition of~~
21 ~~the public health, and whenever any contagious or infectious disease occurs in his county shall~~
22 ~~immediately report the same to the secretary of health.~~

23 Section 14. That § 34-2-5 be repealed.

24 ~~34-2-5. The superintendent of the county board of health shall have charge of and~~

1 ~~superintend, subject to the approval of the board of which he is a member and the supervisory~~
2 ~~control of the Department of Health, all the matters and things specified in this chapter and, in~~
3 ~~case of immediate danger to the health of persons, he may act as in his judgment he may deem~~
4 ~~proper without consultation with the county board, for the prevention of such danger, and shall~~
5 ~~immediately report such action to the president of the county board and to the secretary of~~
6 ~~health.~~

7 Section 15. That § 34-2-6 be repealed.

8 ~~— 34-2-6. Subject to the supervising control of the Department of Health, the county board of~~
9 ~~health, within the territorial limits of its county not included in any first or second class~~
10 ~~municipality having its own board of health, shall have power to enforce any and all needful rules~~
11 ~~and regulations made by the Department of Health for the prevention and cure, and to prevent~~
12 ~~the spread of contagious diseases.~~

13 Section 16. That § 34-2-7 be repealed.

14 ~~— 34-2-7. Subject to the supervising control of the Department of Health, the county board of~~
15 ~~health, within the territorial limits of its county not included in any first or second class~~
16 ~~municipality having its own board of health, shall have power to establish quarantine and isolate~~
17 ~~any person afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease.~~

18 Section 17. That § 34-2-8 be repealed.

19 ~~— 34-2-8. Subject to the supervising control of the Department of Health, the county board of~~
20 ~~health, within the territorial limits of its county not included in any first or second class~~
21 ~~municipality having its own board of health, shall have power to appoint all duly licensed~~
22 ~~physicians within the county deputies with power to quarantine any and all cases of infectious,~~
23 ~~contagious, or communicable diseases, subject to quarantine pursuant to the rules and~~
24 ~~regulations of the Department of Health. For all services rendered in quarantining, such deputies~~

1 shall be entitled to the sum of one dollar for each premise so quarantined. The county board shall
2 also have power to delegate to any person or physician within the county authority to release any
3 quarantine, under the supervision of such county board, to fumigate premises, and to do any and
4 all other things that may be necessary to protect the health of the public.

5 Section 18. That § 34-2-9 be repealed.

6 ~~—34-2-9. Subject to the supervising control of the Department of Health, the county board of~~
7 ~~health, within the territorial limits of its county not included in any first or second class~~
8 ~~municipality having its own board of health, shall have power to remove or cause to be removed~~
9 ~~any dead, decaying, or putrid body, or any decayed, putrid, or other substance that may endanger~~
10 ~~the health of persons or domestic animals.~~

11 Section 19. That § 34-2-10 be repealed.

12 ~~—34-2-10. Subject to the supervising control of the Department of Health, the county board~~
13 ~~of health, within the territorial limits of its county not included in any first or second class~~
14 ~~municipality having its own board of health, in addition to the powers granted by §§ 34-2-6 to~~
15 ~~34-2-9, inclusive, shall have original power to inquire into sanitary conditions of schoolhouses~~
16 ~~within the county, and upon complaint and investigation shall have power to abate any unsanitary~~
17 ~~conditions that may be found to exist. When upon investigation such county board of health shall~~
18 ~~find any schoolhouse in such an unsanitary condition that it is detrimental to the health of the~~
19 ~~children attending school therein, it shall immediately summon the school board of any such~~
20 ~~district to a hearing thereon and require the school board to abate the condition complained of.~~
21 ~~The order so made shall be in writing and a copy of such order placed on file in the office of the~~
22 ~~business manager of such board. Any order so made shall be enforceable in the same manner as~~
23 ~~are other orders made by such board with the same rights of appeal to the circuit court.~~

24 Section 20. That § 34-2-11 be repealed.

1 ~~— 34-2-11. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, or any of the~~
2 ~~rules and regulations made by the Department of Health to carry out the provisions thereof, or~~
3 ~~who shall willfully oppose or obstruct any health officer in performing his duty is guilty of a Class~~
4 ~~1 misdemeanor.~~

5 Section 21. That § 34-2-12 be repealed.

6 ~~— 34-2-12. The president of the county board of health shall receive no compensation except~~
7 ~~ten cents for every mile actually and necessarily traveled in the performance of his duties as a~~
8 ~~member of such board.~~

9 Section 22. That § 34-2-13 be repealed.

10 ~~— 34-2-13. The superintendent of the county board of health shall receive ten cents for every~~
11 ~~mile actually and necessarily traveled by the nearest route in the performance of his duties when~~
12 ~~not the attending physician, which mileage shall be in lieu of all compensation for traveling~~
13 ~~expenses; the superintendent or the vice-president, if he performs the duties of the~~
14 ~~superintendent, shall receive such other sums as the board of county commissioners may allow.~~

15 Section 23. That § 34-2-14 be repealed.

16 ~~— 34-2-14. For each investigation, visit, or examination necessarily made under the rules of the~~
17 ~~Department of Health, when no investigation, visit, or examination has been made by any other~~
18 ~~member of the county board of health or any deputy appointed under this chapter, the~~
19 ~~superintendent of the county board of health or the vice-president, if he performs the duties of~~
20 ~~the superintendent, shall receive five dollars.~~

21 Section 24. That § 34-2-15 be repealed.

22 ~~— 34-2-15. The superintendent of the county board of health shall also receive the sum of five~~
23 ~~dollars per month for making the daily reports and keeping the records of his office as required~~
24 ~~by the rules and regulations of the Department of Health, and he or the vice-president, if he~~

1 performs the duties of the superintendent, shall further receive such other sum or sums as he may
2 pay or become liable to pay for medicine, chemicals, drugs, or appliances in carrying out and
3 performing the various duties imposed upon him by law which, together with other expenses,
4 shall be audited by the board of county commissioners and paid as other county expenses.

5 Section 25. That § 34-2-16 be repealed.

6 ~~—34-2-16. In counties where the total annual fees and mileage drawn by the superintendent of~~
7 ~~the county board of health exceeds the sum of two thousand dollars, the board of county~~
8 ~~commissioners of such counties may in their discretion pay such superintendent a monthly wage~~
9 ~~or salary, in amount to be fixed and determined by said board of commissioners and in such case~~
10 ~~such wage or salary shall be paid to and received by said superintendent in lieu of all mileage and~~
11 ~~fees as provided in this chapter.~~