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A Bill

SENATE BILL

378

By: Senator Bradford

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 20, CHAPTER 15, SUBCHAPTER 2 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A STATEWIDE CANCER REGISTRY; TO REPEAL CURRENT REGISTRY LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-15-201 through 206 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Title 20, Chapter 15 is hereby amended by adding a new subchapter to read as follows:

"20-15-201 Reporting requirements. The Arkansas Department of Health shall accumulate such data concerning cancer in Arkansas and its residents as is deemed appropriate for the purposes of describing the frequency of cancer, furnishing reports to health professionals and the public, and for planning and evaluating cancer prevention and control programs. Such data shall be collected under the authority of regulations promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health. All data collected pursuant to Act 454 of 1985 to shall be transferred to the Arkansas Department of Health.

20-15-202 State Cancer Plan. A task force consisting of public and private entities will be established by the State Health Director to assist the Department to develop a strategic plan for a coordinated, comprehensive statewide network of cancer resources, services and programs.

20-15-203 Confidentiality. Information accumulated and maintained in the Cancer Registry of Arkansas shall not be divulged except: Statistical information which does not identify individuals and for purposes of such research as approved by the Arkansas State Board of Health.

20-15-204 Agreements with other states. The Arkansas Department of Health is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with other states and

federal organizations authorized to exchange registry data. Such agreements shall prohibit divulging information to entities without prior approval of the Arkansas State Department of Health."

20-15-206 Gifts, grants and donations. The Department of Health is authorized to receive gifts, grants and donations for the purposes of this act.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of the Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of law in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.