

17-603.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ANY PERSON THAT POSSESSES AND MAINTAINS ANY BIOLOGICAL AGENT SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE BIOLOGICAL AGENT REGISTRY.

(B) SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A BIOLOGICAL AGENT OR A CERTIFIED LABORATORY OR FACILITY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INTERSTATE SHIPMENT OF ETIOLOGIC AGENTS UNDER TITLE 42, PART 72.6(H) OR PART 72, APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

17-604.

(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, INFORMATION PREPARED FOR OR MAINTAINED IN THE BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY SHALL BE CONFIDENTIAL AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(B) RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM THE REGISTRY AS AUTHORIZED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER § 17-602(C)(4) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL NOT RENDER THE INFORMATION RELEASED A PUBLIC RECORD.

17-605.

(A) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$100 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE AND NOT EXCEEDING \$500 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THE SAME PROVISION.

(B) EACH DAY A VIOLATION IS CONTINUED AFTER THE FIRST CONVICTION IS A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved May 6, 2002.

CHAPTER 362

(House Bill 394)

AN ACT concerning

State Retirement and Pension System - Optional Forms of Allowance - Designated Beneficiaries

FOR the purpose of allowing certain retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System who select certain optional retirement allowances to designate a new beneficiary under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the