SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

## CHAPTER 270

(House Bill 393)

AN ACT concerning

## Communicable Diseases or Conditions - Reporting

FOR the purpose of repealing certain requirements for certain reports made by physicians and institutions regarding infectious and contagious diseases; providing that certain reports made by physicians and institutions regarding infectious and contagious diseases are confidential and are not medical records; providing that certain physician and institution reports are not discoverable requiring certain individuals to submit a certain report to a certain health officer under certain circumstances; requiring certain reports to contain certain information, be in a certain format, and be transmitted in a certain manner; providing that certain provisions of this Act do not apply to or restrict the use of certain statistics, information, or other material; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to disseminate and disclose certain information under certain circumstances; repealing the time limitation in which the director of certain medical laboratories has to make a certain report; requiring the director of the State's public health laboratory to submit a certain report to the Secretary under certain circumstances; requiring the director of a medical laboratory to submit clinical material to the Secretary under certain circumstances; repealing the list of the diseases or conditions that are reportable by a medical laboratory director; authorizing the Secretary to discuss certain laboratory reports with certain healthcare providers and with a patient in a certain manner under certain circumstances; providing that certain reports made-by-a medical laboratory director regarding infectious and contagious diseases are confidential and are not medical records; providing that certain reports made by a medical laboratory are not discoverable requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the reporting of communicable diseases and conditions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Health – General