

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of Drug
22 and Alcohol Programs, providing for xylazine awareness
23 education.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Article XXIII-A of the act of April 9, 1929
27 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
28 amended by adding a subarticle to read:

1 SUBARTICLE C

2 EDUCATION PROGRAMS

3 Section 2331-A. Xylazine awareness education.

4 The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall have the
5 power and its duty shall be to:

6 (1) Enter into partnerships with health care providers,
7 including physicians and veterinarians, and community-based
8 health centers and hospitals to educate Pennsylvanians on the
9 dangers of human use of xylazine.

10 (2) Create informational materials in electronic and
11 physical form, in coordination with the partners described in
12 paragraph (1), which may be distributed to or accessed by
13 Pennsylvanians. The informational materials must include:

14 (i) The effects on the human body of the use of
15 xylazine.

16 (ii) How to talk to family and friends about the
17 dangers of human use of xylazine.

18 (iii) The legitimate uses of xylazine for animal
19 use.

20 (iv) Any other information that the Department of
21 Drug and Alcohol Programs deems necessary to prepare and
22 educate residents of this Commonwealth on the dangers of
23 human use of xylazine.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.