



CHAPTER 130A

ARTICLE 6 - COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

N.C.G.S. § 130A-144.

Investigation and control measures.

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§ 130A-144(a) The local health director shall investigate, as required by the Commission, cases of communicable diseases and communicable conditions reported to the local health director pursuant to this Article.

§ 130A-144(b) Physicians, persons in charge of medical facilities or laboratories, and other persons shall, upon request and proper identification, permit a local health director or the State Health Director to examine, review, and obtain a copy of medical or other records in their possession or under their control which the State Health Director or a local health director determines pertain to the (i) diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of a communicable disease or communicable condition for a person infected, exposed, or reasonably suspected of being infected or exposed to such a disease or condition, or (ii) the investigation of a known or reasonably suspected outbreak of a communicable disease or communicable condition.

§ 130A-144(c) A physician or a person in charge of a medical facility or laboratory who permits examination, review or copying of medical records pursuant to subsection (b) shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed as a result of complying with a request made pursuant to subsection (b).

§ 130A-144(d) The attending physician shall give control measures prescribed by the Commission to a patient with a communicable disease or communicable condition and to patients reasonably suspected of being infected or exposed to such a disease or condition. The physician shall also give control measures to other individuals as required by rules adopted by the Commission.

- § 130A-144(e)** The local health director shall ensure that control measures prescribed by the Commission have been given to prevent the spread of all reportable communicable diseases or communicable conditions and any other communicable disease or communicable condition that represents a significant threat to the public health. The local health department shall provide, at no cost to the patient, the examination and treatment for tuberculosis disease and infection and for sexually transmitted diseases designated by the Commission.
- § 130A-144(f)** All persons shall comply with control measures, including submission to examinations and tests, prescribed by the Commission subject to the limitations of G.S. 130A-148.
- § 130A-144(g)** The Commission shall adopt rules that prescribe control measures for communicable diseases and conditions subject to the limitations of G.S. 130A-148. Temporary rules prescribing control measures for communicable diseases and conditions shall be adopted pursuant to G.S. 150B-13.
- § 130A-144(h)** Anyone who assists in an inquiry or investigation conducted by the State Health Director for the purpose of evaluating the risk of transmission of HIV or Hepatitis B from an infected health care worker to patients, or who serves on an expert panel established by the State Health Director for that purpose, shall be immune from civil liability that otherwise might be incurred or imposed for any acts or omissions which result from such assistance or service, provided that the person acts in good faith and the acts or omissions do not amount to gross negligence, willful or wanton misconduct, or intentional wrongdoing. This qualified immunity does not apply to acts or omissions which occur with respect to the operation of a motor vehicle. Nothing in this subsection provides immunity from liability for a violation of G.S. 130A-143.

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APPARATUS I
13 ACTS

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02	Rev.	s. 4459	RECODIFIED
03	1909	c. 793, s. 8	AMENDED
04	C.S.	s. 7158	RECODIFIED
05	1957	c. 1357, s. 1	AMENDED
06	1973	c. 476, s. 128	AMENDED
07	1983	c. 891, s. 2	AMENDED
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09	1991	c. 225, s. 1	AMENDED
10	1995	c. 228, s. 1	AMENDED
11	2001	S.L. 2001-28, s. 2	AMENDED
12	2004	S.L. 2004-80, s. 6	AMENDED
13	2009	S.L. 2009-501, s. 2	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 130A-148	(f)	"Commission subject to the limitations of"
G.S. 150B-13	(g)	"conditions shall be adopted pursuant to"
G.S. 130A-143	(h)	"from liability for a violation of"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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