

**DRAFTER'S NOTE  
FROM THE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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To Representative Hines:

Your instructions for this amendment, as it affects s. 979.012 (1), stats., were to “include only diseases that require notification of DHFS under ch. HFS 145, Appendix A.” That Appendix divides numerous diseases into three categories: those requiring immediate reporting to the patient’s local health officer, those requiring reporting to the local health officer within 72 hours of identification, and those requiring reporting to the state epidemiologist within 72 hours of identification. I have assumed that you intended to include all these diseases; please see the language I have drafted. Does this meet your intent? Alternatively, “communicable disease” is defined under s. 990.01 (5g), stats., for all of the statutes unless otherwise provided, as “any disease that the department of health and family services determines, by rule, to be communicable in fact.” Did you possibly intend this meaning?

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