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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 192.020 and 192.131, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to reportable infectious diseases.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 192.020 and 192.131, RSMo, are repealed and two new  
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 192.020 and 192.131, to  
3 read as follows:

192.020. 1. It shall be the general duty and responsibility of the  
2 department of health and senior services to safeguard the health of the people in  
3 the state and all its subdivisions. It shall make a study of the causes and  
4 prevention of diseases. It shall designate those diseases which are infectious,  
5 contagious, communicable or dangerous in their nature and shall make and  
6 enforce adequate orders, findings, rules and regulations to prevent the spread of  
7 such diseases and to determine the prevalence of such diseases within the state.  
8 It shall have power and authority, with approval of the director of the  
9 department, to make such orders, findings, rules and regulations as will prevent  
10 the entrance of infectious, contagious and communicable diseases into the state.

11 2. The department of health and senior services shall include in its list  
12 of communicable or infectious diseases which must be reported to the department  
13 methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), **carbapenem-resistant**  
14 **Klebsiella (CRK)** and vancomycin-resistant enterococcus (VRE).

192.131. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

2 (1) "Advisory panel", the infection control advisory panel created by  
3 section 197.165;

4 (2) "Antibiogram", a record of the resistance of microbes to various  
5 antibiotics;

6 (3) "Antimicrobial", the ability of an agent to destroy or prevent the  
7 development of pathogenic action of a microorganism;

8 (4) "Department", the department of health and senior services.

9 2. Every laboratory performing culture and sensitivity testing on humans  
10 in Missouri shall submit data on health care associated infections to the  
11 department in accordance with this section. The data to be reported shall be  
12 defined by regulation of the department after considering the recommendations  
13 of the advisory panel. Such data may include antibiograms and, not later than  
14 July 1, 2005, shall include but not be limited to the number of patients or isolates  
15 by hospital, ambulatory surgical center, and other facility or practice setting with  
16 methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), **carbapenem-resistant**  
17 **Klebsiella (CRK)** or vancomycin-resistant enterococcus (VRE).

18 3. Information on infections collected pursuant to this section shall be  
19 subject to the confidentiality protections of this chapter but shall be available in  
20 provider-specific form to appropriate facility and professional licensure  
21 authorities.

22 4. The advisory panel shall develop a recommended plan to use laboratory  
23 and health care provider data provided pursuant to this chapter to create a  
24 system to:

25 (1) Enhance the ability of health care providers and the department to  
26 track the incidence and distribution of preventable infections, with emphasis on  
27 those infections that are most susceptible to interventions and that pose the  
28 greatest risk of harm to Missouri residents;

29 (2) Monitor trends in the development of antibiotic-resistant microbes,  
30 including but not limited to methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA),  
31 **carbapenem-resistant Klebsiella (CRK)** and vancomycin-resistant  
32 enterococcus (VRE) infections.

33 5. In implementing this section, the advisory panel and the department  
34 shall conform to guidelines and standards adopted by the Centers for Disease  
35 Control and Prevention. The advisory panel's plan may provide for  
36 demonstration projects to assess the viability of the recommended initiatives.

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