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"AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT ROOMS IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) As used in this
4 section:

5 (1) "Employer" means a person engaged in business who has
6 employees, including the state and any political subdivision thereof.

7 (2) "Employee" means any person engaged in service to an employer
8 in a business of such employer.

9 (3) "Toxic or hazardous substance" or "substance" means any
10 microorganism, virus, infectious substance or biological product that
11 may be engineered as a result of biotechnology, or any naturally
12 occurring or bioengineered component of any such microorganism,

13 virus, infectious substance or biological product, to cause death,
14 disease or other biological malfunction in a human, animal, plant or
15 another living organism.

16 (b) Each employer who has knowledge of the presence on premises
17 controlled by the employer of any toxic or hazardous substance not
18 used or produced in the ordinary course of business by such employer
19 shall immediately notify all employees on such premises and the
20 Commissioner of Public Health and the Labor Commissioner of the
21 presence of such substance. Notification shall include available
22 information about: (1) The generic or basic chemical name of the
23 substance; (2) the level at which exposure to the substance is
24 determined to be hazardous, if known; (3) the acute and chronic effects
25 of exposure at hazardous levels; (4) the symptoms of such effects; (5)
26 appropriate emergency treatment; (6) the precautions being taken by
27 the employer in dealing with the substance; and (7) precautions that
28 should be taken by employees.

29 (c) No notification made pursuant to the provisions of this section
30 shall be admissible as evidence of the facts therein stated in any action
31 at law or in any action under the Workers' Compensation Act against
32 the employer making such notification. Any employer who fails to
33 make a notification required by this section, or who knowingly
34 supplies false information, may be assessed a civil penalty of not more
35 than one thousand dollars for each such violation."