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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1754

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1754 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title; references to Act.

5 (a) This Act may be cited as the Tracking Infectious Cases  
6 Knowledgeably Act.

7 (b) This Act may be referred to as the TICK Act.

8 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that  
9 alpha-gal syndrome (AGS) is a serious and potentially  
10 life-threatening allergic condition that can occur after a  
11 tick bite. AGS is named for a molecule, known as alpha-gal or  
12 the Galili antigen, that is found in most mammals. Symptoms of  
13 AGS occur after people eat red meat or are exposed to other  
14 products made from mammals. Because of this, AGS is also known  
15 as the red meat allergy or tick bite meat allergy. The Centers  
16 for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified AGS as

1 a growing threat to clinical and public health and has  
2 identified state-level surveillance of AGS as a critical need.  
3 The CDC has identified Illinois as a state with one of the  
4 highest AGS prevalence rates in the nation.

5 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

6 "Alpha-gal syndrome" or "AGS" means an acquired  
7 delayed-type allergic reaction to a sugar molecule called  
8 alpha-galactose (alpha-gal), which is typically caused by the  
9 bite of an infected lone star tick and can cause serious,  
10 potentially life-threatening allergic reactions to consuming  
11 meat or other products containing alpha-gal.

12 "Diagnosis" means identification as having Lyme disease or  
13 alpha-gal syndrome, either clinically or with laboratory  
14 testing confirmation, by (1) a physician licensed to practice  
15 medicine in all its branches, (2) a person otherwise permitted  
16 to diagnose Lyme disease or alpha-gal syndrome by applicable  
17 laws, or (3) another appropriately licensed person under the  
18 supervision of or in collaboration with a physician licensed  
19 to practice medicine in all its branches.

20 Section 15. Alpha-gal syndrome education. The Department  
21 of Public Health shall provide educational materials regarding  
22 alpha-gal syndrome data on its website where applicable. The  
23 Department of Public Health shall undertake an awareness and  
24 education campaign for community members, local health

1 departments, and medical providers on the signs and symptoms  
2 of alpha-gal syndrome, including education on proper  
3 procedures by which to order a test for diagnosis of alpha-gal  
4 syndrome.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
6 becoming law.".