

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 04/20/15

**Action:** Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/11, 04/17, 04/20

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse, Weidner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Specifies additional conditions under which protected health information may be disclosed by a healthcare provider that does not subject the provider to civil liability. Clarifies additional conditions under which a healthcare provider may disclose protected health information for an individual being treated for mental illness, without obtaining an authorization from the individual or a personal representative. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Improved patient care
- Need for all information during a health crisis
- Current limitations of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Ethical standards
- Personal stories
- Need for coordination and clear direction

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Clarifies that a health care provider can disclose protected health information based on their judgement and standards of ethical conduct. Specifies information that can be shared.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 is the law to make it easier for individuals to keep health insurance, protect the confidentiality and security of their healthcare information and to help the healthcare industry. Protected health information (PHI) is information relating to an individual's health status, healthcare or payment for healthcare. Generally, this includes any part of an individual's medical record and/or payment history.