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Title 18 - Disease Prevention

Subtitle 9 - Catastrophic Health

Emergency Disease Surveillance and

Response Program

Section 18-905 - Enforcement

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(a) In investigating actual or potential exposures to a deadly agent, the Secretary:

(1) (i) May issue an order requiring individuals whom the Secretary has reason to believe have been exposed to a deadly agent to seek appropriate and necessary evaluation and treatment;

(ii) When the Secretary determines that it is medically necessary and reasonable to prevent or reduce the spread of the disease or outbreak believed to have been caused by the exposure to a deadly agent, may order an individual or group of individuals to go to and remain in places of isolation or quarantine until the Secretary determines that the individual no longer poses a substantial risk of transmitting the disease or condition to the public; and

(iii) If a competent individual over the age of 18 refuses vaccination, medical examination, treatment, or testing under this paragraph, may require the individual to go to and remain in places of isolation or quarantine until the Secretary determines that the

individual no longer poses a substantial risk of transmitting the disease or condition to the public;

(2) May coordinate and direct the efforts of any health officer or health commissioner of any subdivision in seeking to detect or respond to threats posed by a deadly agent; and

(3) May order any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or other law enforcement officer of the State or any subdivision to assist in the execution or enforcement of any order issued under this subtitle.

(b) The Secretary may issue an order under subsection (a) of this section:

(1) If, prior to the issuance of a proclamation under § 14-3A-02 of the Public Safety Article, the Secretary determines that the disease or outbreak can be medically contained by the Department and appropriate health care providers; and

(2) As necessary to implement an order issued by the Governor under § 14-3A-02 of the Public Safety Article.

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