

1 **HEALTH CARE AMENDMENTS**

2 2007 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson**

5 House Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends the local health department's code.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ requires local health departments to develop and implement plans to investigate and
13 respond to disease outbreaks, including strengthening:

- 14 • the Medical Reserve Corps;
- 15 • disease surveillance systems; and
- 16 • emergency preparation and response plans.

17 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 This bill appropriates:

19 ▶ from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only, to the Department of Health to
20 be used to assist the local health departments to implement the emergency
21 preparedness and surge capacity plans required by Section 26A-1-127.

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 ENACTS:

26 **26A-1-127**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **26A-1-127** is enacted to read:

30 **26A-1-127. Surge capacity, surveillance, and community outreach plan.**

31 (1) In addition to the duties listed in Section 26A-1-114, a local health department shall
32 develop and implement a locally appropriate plan, in coordination with appropriate local, state,
33 and federal partners, to:

34 (a) investigate disease outbreaks;

35 (b) expand outreach and education efforts to employers, schools, and community
36 organizations; and

37 (c) expand local capacity to respond to disasters or disease outbreaks.

38 (2) The plan required by Subsection (1) shall include as a minimum, details on how the
39 local health department will maintain, train, and strengthen:

40 (a) the Medical Reserve Corps authorized by Section 26A-1-126;

41 (b) disease surveillance systems;

42 (c) disease outbreak management systems to respond to communicable and food borne
43 illness; and

44 (d) emergency preparation and response plans to address infrastructure capacity and
45 outreach and training to community partners.

46 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

47 There is appropriated \$500,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only, to
48 the Department of Health to be used to assist the local health departments with carrying out the
49 surge capacity, emergency and community preparedness, and outreach provisions of Section
50 26A-1-127.