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Bill Analysis

SB 255 provides for the state to engage in contact tracing under certain circumstances. The measure requires the State Commissioner of Health to prescribe qualification and training requirements for contact tracers to ensure contact tracers comply with the provisions of the measure. Contact tracers must execute a sworn affidavit in the form prescribed by the State Department of Health acknowledging the contact tracer's familiarity with the requirements of the measure.

Contact tracers are prohibited from disclosing the identity of individuals from disclosing the identity of infected individuals and may only collect data as prescribed by the Commissioner of Health. Additionally, contact tracers may not produce data under subpoena unless certain conditions are met. No contact tracer or agency may require or prohibit an individual from participating in contact tracing, utilize phone data without an individual's explicit consent, or obtain data from a third party without the individual's consent. Persons disclosing information requested by the tracer or refusing to participate in the program are exempted from criminal and civil liability for the disclosure or lack thereof.

Persons aggrieved by violations of the provisions found in this measure may bring a civil action to enjoin such violations. Any individual who is found to have willfully violates the provisions of this measure shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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