

Bill Summary

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A. Synopsis:

SB210 establishes the Lyme and Related Tick-Borne Disease Education, Prevention, and Treatment Act, and creates a task force.

B. Summary:

SB210 states:

- These diseases are caused primarily by ticks
- In 2009, 5,722 cases were reported in PA
- Lyme disease is most prevalent in South East PA
- Early diagnosis is imperative
- Untreated Lyme is a great threat to health
- Some people may have signs or symptoms for months or years

This legislation will:

- Provide the public with information on the disease through an educational task force and educate physicians, insurers, and government agencies on the different treatment options
- Allow a physician to prescribe short- or long-term antibiotics without negative repercussion if the treatment is not effective
- Mandate insurance reimbursement be provided for any type of treatment