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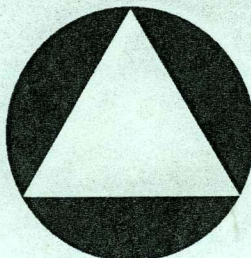
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R.I. HAS A NEW AIDS LAW*

- FACT:** YOUR PHYSICIAN MUST REPORT AN HIV-POSITIVE TEST RESULT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH YOUR NAME.**
- FACT:** CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR TEST RESULT IS LIMITED. THERE ARE NUMEROUS EXEMPTIONS.
- FACT:** YOUR RESULTS MAY BE ACCESSED WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
- FACT:** TRUE CONFIDENTIALITY IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
- FACT:** A GOOD HEALTH POLICY DOES NOT SCARE PEOPLE OUT OF A DOCTOR'S OFFICE.
- FACT:** THIS LAW WAS INITIALLY OPPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OWN AIDS COUNCIL.
- FACT:** THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN "AIDS TEST." THERE IS ONLY A TEST FOR ANTIBODIES TO A VIRUS, THE HUMAN IMMUNO-DEFICIENCY VIRUS, OR HIV.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MAY BE A HAZARD TO YOUR HEALTH.

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SILENCE = DEATH

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* An Act Relating to Health and Safety -- AIDS Testing, Confidentiality and Discrimination

** Except for testing done at designated anonymous test sites