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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645**

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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to provide for an enhanced
- 2 penalty for violations of directed health measures committed by
- 3 public officials involved in passing such measures.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. (1) Any public official who signs, authorizes, or enacts  
2 a directed health measure and violates such measure shall be punished as  
3 follows:

4           (a) If a violation of the directed health measure is punishable as a  
5 criminal offense, it shall be punished by the imposition of the next  
6 higher penalty classification than the penalty classification prescribed  
7 for such violation; and

8           (b) If a violation of the directed health measure is punishable by a  
9 fine only, the amount of the fine imposed shall be three times the amount  
10 otherwise prescribed.

11           (2) For purposes of this section:

12           (a) Directed health measure means a rule, regulation, or ordinance  
13 designed to prevent or ameliorate the spread of any contagious or  
14 infectious disease; and

15           (b) Public official includes any official of a county, district, or  
16 city-county health department as defined in section 71-1626, an official  
17 within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor, a  
18 mayor, a city manager, or any other official who signs, authorizes, or  
19 enacts a directed health measure.