

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.2453 Epidemic; emergency order and procedures; involuntary detention and treatment.**

Sec. 2453. (1) If a local health officer determines that control of an epidemic is necessary to protect the public health, the local health officer may issue an emergency order to prohibit the gathering of people for any purpose and may establish procedures to be followed by persons, including a local governmental entity, during the epidemic to insure continuation of essential public health services and enforcement of health laws. Emergency procedures shall not be limited to this code.

(2) A local health department or the department may provide for the involuntary detention and treatment of individuals with hazardous communicable disease in the manner prescribed in sections 5201 to 5238.

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**Popular name:** Act 368