

1 AN ACT relating to Lyme disease.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 214 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 *(1) A health care provider who orders a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme*
6 *disease shall provide detailed test results to the patient or his or her legal*
7 *representative.*
- 8 *(2) The detailed results of a test for Lyme disease shall include the following*
9 *information in writing: "According to the Centers for Disease Control and*
10 *Prevention, as of 2011 Lyme disease is the sixth fastest growing disease in the*
11 *United States. Your health care provider has ordered a laboratory test for the*
12 *presence of Lyme disease for you. Current laboratory testing for Lyme disease*
13 *can be problematic and standard laboratory tests often result in false negative*
14 *and false positive results, and if done too early, you may not have produced*
15 *enough antibodies to be considered positive because your immune response*
16 *requires time to develop antibodies. If you are tested for Lyme disease, and the*
17 *results are negative, this does not necessarily mean you do not have Lyme*
18 *disease. If you continue to experience symptoms, you should contact your health*
19 *care provider and inquire about the appropriateness of retesting or additional*
20 *treatment."*