Ebola And State of Emergency Health Powers

Ebola has caused a crisis of another kind. In Liberia, soldiers fired into a crowd of young men trying to escape quarantine. In 2001, after 9/11 the federal government pushed states to adopt their State Emergency Health Powers Act. Citizens could be forced into quarantine, vaccinated, examined and treated against their will by state health officials and the national guard.

In Minnesota legislators debated whether guns could be used to enforce quarantine and isolation. Many states have adopted some version of the model state act. Our organization successfully fought against many unconstitutional provisions and created a special web page on the issue at governmenthealthpowers.us. That’s governmenthealthpowers.us