

**HB0983/166187/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 983  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY”; in line 2, after “**COVID-19**” insert “**and Other Catastrophic Health Emergencies**”; after line 2, insert:

**“(The Gloria Daytz Lewis Act)”**;

in line 5, after “COVID-19” insert “or another disease that constitutes a catastrophic health emergency”; and in line 6, after “terms;” insert “declaring the intent of the General Assembly; making this Act an emergency measure;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 17, insert:

**“(2) “CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY” MEANS A HEALTH EMERGENCY WITH REGARD TO WHICH THE GOVERNOR ISSUES A PROCLAMATION UNDER § 14-3A-02 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.”**;

in line 18, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”; and in line 19, after “RESIDENT” insert “OR ANY INDIVIDUAL”.

On page 2, in lines 1 and 4, strike “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)” and “(5)”, respectively.

On page 2 in lines 9, 17, 18, and 24, and on page 3 in line 15, in each instance, after “COVID-19” insert “OR ANOTHER DISEASE THAT CONSTITUTES A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 7, strike “**THE**” and substitute “**CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS, THE**”; in line 8, strike “**PERSONAL AND COMPASSIONATE CARE**”; in line 10, strike “**REGARDING COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITATION**”; strike beginning with “**REQUIRE**” in line 12 down through “**VISITOR**” in line 13 and substitute “**DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH VISITATION MAY BE RESTRICTED TO ONLY COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITORS AND PERSONAL CARE VISITORS**”; in line 14, strike “**RESTRICT THE COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITOR**” and substitute “**LIMIT THE MOVEMENT OF VISITORS WITHIN THE NURSING HOME, WHICH MAY INCLUDE RESTRICTING VISITORS**”; in line 15, strike “**AND**”; in line 16, strike “**COMPASSIONATE CARE**”; and in line 25, after “**HOME**” insert “**;**”

**(IV) REQUIRE, AS PRACTICABLE AND WHEN AVAILABLE, ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH VISITORS IF A NURSING HOME DETERMINES THAT AN IN-PERSON VISIT WOULD ENDANGER THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF A PATIENT, RESIDENT, OR MEMBER OF THE STAFF; AND**

**(V) PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE NECESSARY TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO RESIDENTS BY COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITORS**”;

in line 26, strike “**THE**” and substitute “**IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**”; and strike in their entirety lines 28 and 29.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in lines 1, 10, 12, 14, and 16, strike “**(II)**”, “**(III)**”, “**(IV)**”, “**(V)**”, and “**(VI)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(I)**”, “**(II)**”, “**(III)**”, “**(IV)**”, and “**(V)**”, respectively; and strike in their entirety, lines 20 through 29, inclusive.

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On page 4, in lines 1 and 3, strike “**(VIII)**” and “**(IX)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(VI)**” and “**(VII)**”, respectively; and strike in their entirety lines 5 and 6 and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that during a catastrophic public health emergency issued by the Governor under § 14-3A-02 of the Public Safety Article that visitation in nursing homes be prioritized to balance the physical needs of the residents with the mental and spiritual needs of the residents and family members resulting from isolation and separation during the emergency.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”.