

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 714

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3, inclusive, and substitute “Nursing Home Comparative Evaluation System”; strike in their entirety lines 4 through 12, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Health Care Access and Cost Commission, to develop a system to comparatively evaluate nursing facility quality of care and performance on an objective basis and to annually publish certain summary findings; establishing the purpose of the comparative evaluation system; requiring the Department to consider a certain factor in developing the system; requiring the system to solicit certain information under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to nursing facility quality of care and performance.”;

and strike in its entirety line 15 and substitute “Section 19-380 to be under the new part “Part X. Nursing Home Comparative Evaluation System””.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 14 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“PART X. NURSING HOME COMPARATIVE EVALUATION SYSTEM.

19-380.

(A) IN THIS SECTION “NURSING FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-1401 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND COST COMMISSION, SHALL:

(I) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2001, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM TO COMPARATIVELY EVALUATE THE QUALITY OF CARE AND PERFORMANCE OF NURSING FACILITIES ON AN OBJECTIVE BASIS; AND

(II) ANNUALLY PUBLISH THE SUMMARY FINDINGS OF THE EVALUATION.

(2) (I) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPARATIVE EVALUATION SYSTEM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE PROVIDED BY NURSING FACILITIES BY ESTABLISHING A COMMON SET OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND DISSEMINATING THE FINDINGS OF THE COMPARATIVE EVALUATION TO NURSING FACILITIES, CONSUMERS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

(II) IN DEVELOPING THE COMPARATIVE EVALUATION SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER THE HEALTH STATUS OF THE POPULATION SERVED.

(3) THE SYSTEM, AS APPROPRIATE, SHALL SOLICIT PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FROM CONSUMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH THE COMPARATIVE EVALUATION SYSTEM PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, before line 15, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2001, the Department shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the nursing facility comparative evaluation system required by this Act.”;
and in line 15, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

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