

BY: Conference Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 424, AS AMENDED

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments (HB0424/594835/1), in line 3 of Amendment No. 1, after “circumstances;” insert “providing certain procedures for reporting treatment of a respiratory care practitioner in an alcohol and drug treatment program;”; and in line 2 of Amendment No. 2, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2 of the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee Amendments, after line 7 of Amendment No. 2, insert:

“(C) (1) IF THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER ENTERS, OR IS CONSIDERING ENTERING, AN ALCOHOL OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS OR THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL NOTIFY THE HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, ALTERNATIVE HEALTH SYSTEM, OR EMPLOYER OF THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER’S DECISION TO ENTER THE TREATMENT PROGRAM.

(2) IF THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER FAILS TO PROVIDE THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AND THE HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, ALTERNATIVE HEALTH SYSTEM, OR EMPLOYER LEARNS THAT THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER HAS ENTERED A TREATMENT PROGRAM, THE HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, ALTERNATIVE HEALTH SYSTEM, OR EMPLOYER SHALL REPORT TO THE BOARD THAT THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER HAS ENTERED A TREATMENT PROGRAM AND HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NOTICE.

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(3) IF THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER IS FOUND TO BE NONCOMPLIANT WITH THE TREATMENT PROGRAM'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WHILE IN THE TREATMENT PROGRAM, THE TREATMENT PROGRAM SHALL NOTIFY THE HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, ALTERNATIVE HEALTH SYSTEM, OR EMPLOYER OF THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER'S NONCOMPLIANCE.

(4) ON RECEIPT OF THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, ALTERNATIVE HEALTH SYSTEM, OR EMPLOYER OF THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL REPORT THE LICENSED RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER'S NONCOMPLIANCE TO THE BOARD.”;

in line 8 of the same amendment, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”;

and in line 12 of the same amendment, strike “(D)” and “(E)”, respectively, and substitute “(E)” and “(F)”, respectively.