

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 725

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Source” insert “System for”; in line 4, after “feasibility” insert “and desirability”; in the same line, after “source” insert “system”; in line 5, strike “including certain provisions in” and substitute “requiring the Commission to make certain determinations in conducting”; in line 6, strike “report its findings and recommendations” and substitute “issue certain reports”; and in line 7, strike “a certain date” and substitute “certain dates”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 20, after “FEASIBILITY” insert “AND DESIRABILITY”; in the same line, strike “STATE” and substitute “SOURCE”; in line 23, after “STATE” insert “FOR USE BY A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, DENTAL PLAN, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION REQUIRED TO CREDENTIAL A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER IN THE STATE”; and after line 23, insert:

“(B) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE:

(1) THE INFORMATION CURRENTLY REQUIRED FOR CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION BY A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, DENTAL PLAN, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE;

(2) THE METHODS OF CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION USED BY FEDERAL AGENCIES, STATE AGENCIES, AND NATIONAL ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS;

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(3) WHETHER COMMON ITEMS CAN BE USED TO CREDENTIAL ALL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS;

(4) THE TYPE OF INFORMATION TO BE REQUIRED ON A UNIFORM CREDENTIALING FORM;

(5) WHETHER A SINGLE SOURCE CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SYSTEM WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF NATIONAL ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS;

(6) WHETHER THE USE OF A SINGLE SOURCE CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE MANDATORY FOR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND ENTITIES THAT CREDENTIAL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS;

(7) THE FEASIBILITY OF A SINGLE STATE AGENCY ADMINISTERING A SINGLE SOURCE CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SYSTEM; AND

(8) METHODS OF FINANCING A SINGLE SOURCE CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION SYSTEM.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT THE AUTHORITY OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO REGULATE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.

(D) THE COMMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SHALL ISSUE A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2001, AND A FINAL REPORT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2002.”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 1 through line 20 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 22, after the first “of” insert “1 year and”; and in line 23, strike “2001” and substitute “2002”.