

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 303

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “exception” in line 5 and substitute “allowing a hospital to discharge a patient under certain conditions”; and in line 6, strike “for certain violations” and substitute “under certain circumstances”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 5 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) A HOSPITAL MAY DISCHARGE A PATIENT:

(1) ENTIRELY;

(2) TO ANOTHER LEVEL OF CARE, TREATMENT, OR SERVICES;

(3) TO DIFFERENT HEALTH PROFESSIONALS; OR

(4) TO SETTINGS FOR CONTINUED SERVICES.

(B) A HOSPITAL’S PROCESS FOR TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE SHALL BE BASED ON A PATIENT’S ASSESSED NEEDS.

(C) TO FACILITATE DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER, THE HOSPITAL SHALL:

(1) ASSESS A PATIENT’S NEEDS;

(2) PLAN FOR DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER;

(Over)

(3) FACILITATE THE DISCHARGE OR TRANSFER PROCESS;

(4) GIVE THE PATIENT OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING CONTINUING CARE TO THE PATIENT WRITTEN DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS IN A FORM THE PATIENT CAN UNDERSTAND; AND

(5) HELP TO ENSURE THAT CONTINUITY OF CARE, TREATMENT, AND SERVICES IS MAINTAINED.”.

AMENDMENT NO 3.

On page 2, in line 6, after “(C)” insert “IF A HOSPITAL FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.”; in line 7, strike “VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION” and substitute “FAILURE TO COMPLY”; in lines 6 and 8, strike “(C)” and “(D)”, respectively, and substitute “(D)” and “(E)”, respectively; and in line 9, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”.