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IATROGENIC DEATHS

House Bill 5153

Sponsor: Rep. Michael J. Bennane

Committee: Public Health

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5153 INTRODUCED 9-24-91

Currently under the Public Health Code, the Department of Public Health (DPH) must promulgate rules establishing certain standards for health facilities and agencies. The bill would amend the code to require the department to promulgate rules relating to the prevention and control of "iatrogenic" illness and infection (that is, illness or infection that occurred as a result of treatment received in a health facility). The rules would have to require annual training for staff in implementing procedures for preventing and controlling iatrogenic illness or infection, as well as requiring health facilities and agencies to provide patients, upon admission, with information regarding the number of deaths during the preceding year that were due to iatrogenic illness or infection. The facility or agency would have to update this information at least every six months, and would have to give it, upon request and for free, to the general public and to the DPH.

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