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**NURSING HOME WAITING LISTS**

**House Bill 5276**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Perry Bullard**  
**Committee: Public Health**

**Complete to 11-6-91**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5276 AS INTRODUCED 10-22-91**

The bill would add a new section to the Public Health Code to require nursing homes participating in Medicaid, with certain exceptions, to maintain a single waiting list for all applicants for admission and to take applicants in the order in which they applied for admission. Patients temporarily absent from the nursing home for emergency medical treatment or for medical therapy would have priority over other applicants on the waiting list.

Exceptions. Nursing homes could maintain separate waiting lists (and give applicants on those lists priority in admission over other applicants) under certain circumstances:

(1) Nursing homes run by religious or fraternal organizations could keep separate waiting lists for their members and admit their members before other applicants.

(2) Nursing homes that were part of facilities that had long-term leases or life interests under the Living Care Disclosure Act (Public Act 440 of 1976) could keep separate lists for, and give preference to, applicants who had bought or subscribed to a long-term lease or life interest and who had been at the facility for at least 30 days before applying for admission to the nursing home.

(3) Nursing homes that included homes for the aged could keep separate lists for applicants who were residents of the home for the aged and give these residents priority over other applicants.

(4) Nursing homes that provided "double occupancy" living quarters for their patients could admit the first applicant on a waiting list who was the same sex as the patient with whom the applicant would share living quarters.

Nursing homes would have to make copies of each separate waiting list allowed under the bill available for public inspection and would have to include on each list the date and time of each application for admission to the nursing home.

Other provisions. Nursing homes could refuse to admit applicants who required, as a result of a physical or mental condition, equipment or services that were not available at the facility.

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