HOUSE BILL No. 5218

October 3, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Hunter, Bennane, Gire, Scott, Yokich, Palamara, Gubow, Barns and Rocca and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

A bill to amend sections 2619, 2637, 5413, 5501, 5715, 5721, 20155, 20175, 20201, 21025, 21743, and 22210 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, entitled as amended "Public health code,"

section 2619 as added by Act No. 82 of the Public Acts of 1984, section 5413 as added by Act No. 122 of the Public Acts of 1988, section 5501 as added by Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1988, section 5715 as added by Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 1987, section 5721 as amended by Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1988, section 20155 as amended by Act No. 474 of the Public Acts of 1982, section 20175 as amended by Act No. 174 of the Public Acts of 1982, section 20175 as amended by Act No. 174 of the Public Acts of 1986, sections 20201 and 21025 as amended by Act No. 354 of the Public Acts of 1982, and section 22210 as amended by Act No. 260 of the Public Acts of 1990, being sections 333.2619, 333.2637, 333.5413, 333.5501, 333.5715, 333.5721, 333.20155,

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333.20175, 333.20201, 333.21025, 333.21743, and 333.22210 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Section 1. Sections 2619, 2637, 5413, 5501, 5715, 5721,
- 2 20155, 20175, 20201, 21025, 21743, and 22210 of Act No. 368 of
- 3 the Public Acts of 1978, section 2619 as added by Act No. 82 of
- 4 the Public Acts of 1984, section 5413 as added by Act No. 122 of
- 5 the Public Acts of 1988, section 5501 as added by Act No. 442 of
- 6 the Public Acts of 1988, section 5715 as added by Act No. 48 of
- 7 the Public Acts of 1987, section 5721 as amended by Act No. 236
- 8 of the Public Acts of 1988, section 20155 as amended by Act
- 9 No. 474 of the Public Acts of 1982, section 20175 as amended by
- 10 Act No. 174 of the Public Acts of 1986, sections 20201 and 21025
- 11 as amended by Act No. 354 of the Public Acts of 1982, and section
- 12 22210 as amended by Act No. 260 of the Public Acts of 1990, being
- 13 sections 333.2619, 333.2637, 333.5413, 333.5501, 333.5715,
- 14 333.5721, 333.20155, 333.20175, 333.20201, 333.21025, 333.21743,
- 15 and 333.22210 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read
- 16 as follows:
- 17 Sec. 2619. (1) The department shall establish a registry to
- 18 record cases of cancer and other specified tumorous and precan-
- 19 cerous diseases that occur in the state, and to record informa-
- 20 tion concerning these cases as the department considers necessary
- 21 and appropriate in order to conduct epidemiologic surveys of
- 22 cancer and cancer-related diseases in the state.
- (2) Each diagnosed case of cancer and other specified
- 24 tumorous and precancerous diseases shall be reported to the

- 1 department pursuant to subsection (4), or reported to a cancer
- 2 reporting registry if the cancer reporting registry meets stan-
- 3 dards established pursuant to subsection (4) to ensure the accu-
- 4 racy and completeness of the reported information. A person or
- 5 facility required to report a diagnosis pursuant to subsection
- 6 (4) may elect to report the diagnosis to the state through an
- 7 existing cancer registry only if the registry meets minimum
- 8 reporting standards established by the department.
- 9 (3) The department shall maintain comprehensive records of
- 10 all reports submitted pursuant to this section. These reports
- 11 shall be THE REPORTS MAINTAINED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION ARE
- 12 subject to the same requirements of confidentiality as provided
- 13 in section 2631 for data or records concerning medical research
- 14 projects HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- 15 (4) The director shall promulgate rules which THAT provide
- 16 for all of the following:
- 17 (a) A list of tumorous and precancerous diseases other than
- 18 cancer to be reported pursuant to subsection (2).
- (b) The quality and manner in which the cases and other
- 20 information described in subsection (1) are reported to the
- 21 department.
- 22 (c) The SUBJECT TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT, THE
- 23 terms and conditions under which records disclosing the name and
- 24 medical condition of a specific individual and kept pursuant to
- 25 this section are released by the department.
- 26 (5) This section does not compel an individual to submit to
- 27 medical or department examination or supervision.

- 1 (6) The department may contract for the collection and 2 analysis of, and research related to, the epidemiologic data 3 required under this section.
- 4 (7) Within 2 years after the effective date of this section,
- 5 the department shall begin evaluating the reports collected pur-
- 6 suant to subsection (2). The department shall publish and make
- 7 available to the public reports summarizing the information
- 8 collected. The first summary report shall be published not later
- 9 than 180 days after the end of the first 2 full calendar years
- 10 after the effective date of this section JANUARY 1, 1987.
- 11 Subsequent annual summary reports shall be made on a full calen-
- 12 dar year basis and published not later than 180 days after the
- 13 end of each calendar year.
- 14 (8) Reporting pursuant to subsection (2) shall begin -the
- 15 next calendar year after the effective date of this section
- 16 JULY 1, 1985.
- 17 -(9) This section shall take effect July 1, 1984.
- 18 Sec. 2637. (1) The department shall establish procedures
- 19 PROMULGATE RULES pursuant to section 2678 to protect the confi-
- 20 dentiality of, and regulate the disclosure of data and
- 21 records contained in a departmental data system or system of
- 22 records.
- 23 (2) The procedures RULES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) shall
- 24 be consistent with the policy established under sections 2611 and
- 25 2613 AND WITH THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- 26 (3) The procedures RULES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) shall
- 27 specify the data contained in a departmental data system or

- 1 system of records which THAT shall not be disclosed unless
- 2 items identifying a person by name, address, number, symbol, or
- 3 any other identifying particular are deleted.
- 4 (4) The procedures RULES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) shall
- 5 regulate the use and disclosure of data contained in a departmen-
- 6 tal data system or system of records released to researchers,
- 7 other persons, including designated medical research projects as
- 8 defined in section 2631, or governmental entities. A person who
- 9 receives data pursuant to this section shall not disclose an item
- 10 of information contained in the data except in conformance with
- 11 the authority granted by the department and with the purpose for
- 12 which the data was originally requested by the researcher. The
- 13 director may contract with researchers or other persons to imple-
- 14 ment and enforce this subsection. A contract made pursuant to
- 15 this subsection shall MEET AT LEAST BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING
- 16 REQUIREMENTS:
- 17 (a) Require the department to provide monitoring to assure
- 18 compliance with this section.
- (b) Provide for termination if this section or the contract
- 20 is violated.
- 21 (5) An officer or employee of the department shall not dis-
- 22 close data contained in a departmental data system or system of
- 23 records except as authorized in the procedures adopted pursuant
- 24 to this section RULES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1).
- 25 (6) The department periodically shall review the procedures
- 26 adopted under this section RULES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1).

- (7) A person whose contract is terminated pursuant to
 subsection (4)(b) is not eligible to make a subsequent contract
- 3 with the department.
- 4 Sec. 5413. (1) The department shall establish a registry to
- 5 record cases of spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury
- 6 that occur in the state and -to-record information concern-
- 7 ing these cases. Subject to subsection (3), the information
- 8 shall be supplied to persons seeking to apply appropriate preven-
- 9 tive and control measures.
- 10 (2) The director shall require by rule the reporting by hos-
- 11 pitals of cases of spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury
- 12 and the submission of specified additional information on
- 13 reported cases or control populations as the director considers
- 14 necessary and appropriate for the recognition, prevention, or
- 15 control of spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury.
- 16 (3) The department shall maintain comprehensive records of
- 17 all reports submitted pursuant to this section. These reports
- 18 shall be confidential and shall be released by the department
- 19 only upon written request of the person who is the subject of the
- 20 report, or his or her guardian, executor, attorney, or other
- 21 person designated in writing by the person who is the subject of
- 22 the report. The reports and records or information contained in
- 23 the reports may also be released by the department to persons
- 24 authorized by the director to conduct research studies or to
- 25 other persons with whom the director enters into a contract for
- 26 data collection, data maintenance, data storage, data retrieval,

- 1 and quality control. THE REPORTS MAINTAINED UNDER THIS
- 2 SUBSECTION ARE SUBJECT TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- 3 (4) This section does not compel an individual to submit to
- 4 medical or department examination or supervision.
- 5 (5) The director shall promulgate rules to implement this
- 6 section.
- 7 (6) As used in this section and section 5414, "traumatic
- 8 brain injury" means an insult to the brain, not of a degenerative
- 9 or congenital nature, that may produce a diminished or altered
- 10 state of consciousness, and which THAT results in impairment of
- 11 cognitive abilities or physical functioning.
- 12 (7) This section is repealed effective -upon the expiration
- 13 of 3 years after its effective date MARCH 31, 1992.
- 14 Sec. 5501. (1) The department shall establish a registry to
- 15 record cases of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders that
- 16 occur in the state, and to record information concerning these
- 17 cases as the department considers necessary and appropriate in
- 18 order to conduct epidemiologic surveys.
- (2) Each case of Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder
- 20 shall be reported to the department by the diagnosing physician
- 21 pursuant to subsection (4).
- 22 (3) The department shall maintain comprehensive records of
- 23 all reports submitted pursuant to this section. These reports
- 24 shall be subject to the same requirements of confidentiality as
- 25 provided in section 2631 for data or records concerning medical
- 26 research projects. THE REPORTS MAINTAINED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
- 27 ARE SUBJECT TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.

- 1 (4) The director shall promulgate rules that provide for all 2 of the following:
- 3 (a) A list of related disorders other than Alzheimer's dis-4 ease to be reported pursuant to subsection (2).
- 5 (b) The quality and manner in which the cases and other
- 6 information described in subsection (1) are reported to the 7 department.
- 8 (c) -The SUBJECT TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT, THE
- 9 terms and conditions under which records disclosing the name and
- 10 medical condition of a specific individual and kept pursuant to
- 11 this section are released by the department.
- (d) The collection of information describing the character-
- 13 ization of the progression, symptoms, and behavior patterns of
- 14 Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.
- 15 (5) This section does not compel an individual to submit to 16 medical or department examination or supervision.
- 17 (6) The department may contract for the collection and anal-
- 18 ysis of, and research related to, the epidemiologic data required
- 19 under this section.
- 20 (7) Within 2 years after the effective date of this
- 21 section BY DECEMBER 27, 1990, the department shall begin evalu-
- 22 ating the reports collected under this section. The department
- 23 shall publish and make available to the public reports summariz-
- 24 ing the information collected. The first summary report shall be
- 25 published not later than -180 days after the end of 2 years after
- 26 the effective date of this section JUNE 27, 1991. Subsequent

- 1 annual summary reports shall be published not later than 180 days
- 2 after the end of each year.
- 3 (8) Reporting pursuant to subsection (2) shall begin
- 4 January 1, 1990. of the calendar year after the effective date
- 5 of this section.
- 6 (9) This section is repealed effective -upon the expiration
- 7 of 3 years after it is enacted into law DECEMBER 27, 1991.
- 8 Sec. 5715. (1) A departmental report under section 5703 or
- 9 5713, or other compilation of information collected under this
- 10 part, unless it discloses the identity of an individual who does
- 11 not consent to the disclosure, is public information, and shall
- 12 be made available in accordance with the freedom of information
- 13 act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections
- 14 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (2) Medical information about an individual that is gathered
- 16 under this part is confidential and shall be subject to the same
- 17 requirements of confidentiality as provided in section 2631 for
- 18 data or records concerning medical research projects IS SUBJECT
- 19 TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- Sec. 5721. (1) Each diagnosed incidence of a birth defect,
- 21 including a congenital or structural malformation, or a biochemi-
- 22 cal or genetic disease, and any information relevant to incidents
- 23 of birth defects, shall be reported to the department. The
- 24 reporting shall begin not later than the next calendar year after
- 25 June 11, 1987.
- 26 (2) The department shall maintain comprehensive statewide
- 27 records of all information reported to the birth defects

- 1 registry. The information reported -shall be subject to the same
- 2 requirements of confidentiality as provided in section 2631 for
- 3 data or records concerning medical research projects IS SUBJECT
- 4 TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- 5 (3) The director shall promulgate rules -which THAT provide
- 6 for all of the following:
- 7 (a) A list of birth defects, including, but not limited to,
- 8 congenital and structural malformations, and biochemical or gene-
- 9 tic diseases, and other relevant information to be reported.
- 10 (b) The quality and manner in which the incidents of birth
- 11 defects and other information is to be reported.
- 12 (c) The SUBJECT TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT, THE
- 13 terms and conditions under which records maintained under this
- 14 section, including any records containing the name and medical
- 15 condition of a specific individual, may be released by the
- 16 department.
- 17 (4) This section does not compel an individual to submit to
- 18 medical examination or supervision by the department or
- 19 otherwise.
- 20 (5) The department may contract for the collection and anal-
- 21 ysis of, and research related to, the data required under this
- 22 section.
- 23 (6) Within 2 years after June 11, 1987, the department shall
- 24 begin evaluating the information reported to the birth defects
- 25 registry. The department shall publish and make available to the
- 26 public reports summarizing the information collected. The first
- 27 summary report shall be published not later than 180 days after

- 1 the end of the first 2 full calendar years after June 11, 1987.
- 2 Subsequent annual summary reports shall be made on a full calen-
- 3 dar year basis and published not later than 180 days after the
- 4 end of each calendar year.
- 5 Sec. 20155. (1) Except as provided for clinical
- 6 laboratories in THIS section, -20511, the department shall make
- 7 annual and other visits to EACH health facilities and agencies
- 8 covered by FACILITY OR AGENCY LICENSED UNDER this article -
- 9 other than a licensee under part 215, for the purposes of
- 10 survey, evaluation, and consultation. Except for facilities A
- 11 HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY described in section 20106(1)(f) -and-
- 12 OR (h), the department shall determine whether the visits shall
- 13 be announced or unannounced, except that a complaint investiga-
- 14 tion shall not be announced and there shall be EXCEPT THAT THE
- 15 DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE at least 1 unannounced visit other than a
- 16 complaint investigation annually to the facilities A HEALTH
- 17 FACILITY OR AGENCY described in section 20106(1)(c) -and-OR
- 18 (d).
- 19 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AT LEAST A BIENNIAL VISIT TO
- 20 EACH LICENSED CLINICAL LABORATORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SURVEY,
- 21 EVALUATION, AND CONSULTATION.
- 22 (3) The department shall make biennial visits to hospitals
- 23 for survey and for evaluation for the purpose of licensure.
- 24 However, this requirement shall not be construed to THIS SUB-
- 25 SECTION DOES NOT prohibit the department from conducting investi-
- 26 gations or inspections pursuant to section 20156 or from
- 27 conducting surveys of hospitals for the purpose of complaint

- 1 investigation or federal certification. -, nor to preclude THIS
- 2 SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT the state fire marshal from conduct-
- 3 ing annual surveys of hospitals.
- 4 (4) (2) Investigations or inspections THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
- 5 CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OR INSPECTION, other than -inspections-
- 6 AN INSPECTION of financial records, of facilities A HEALTH
- 7 FACILITY OR AGENCY described in section 20106(1)(f) -and OR (h)
- 8 -shall be conducted without prior notice to the HEALTH facility
- 9 OR AGENCY. An employee of a state agency charged with inspecting
- 10 the facility or an employee of a local health department who
- 11 directly or indirectly gives prior notice regarding an inspec-
- 12 tion, other than an inspection of the financial records, to the
- 13 HEALTH facility OR AGENCY or to an employee -thereof OF THE
- 14 HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY, is quilty of a misdemeanor.
- 15 Consultation visits, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ANNOUNCE A CONSULTATION
- 16 VISIT THAT IS not for the purpose of annual or follow-up inspec-
- 17 tion or survey. may be announced.
- 18 (5) -(3)— The department shall maintain a record indicating
- 19 whether visits are announced or unannounced. Information THE
- 20 DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN LICENSURE DECISIONS
- 21 INFORMATION gathered at all visits, WHETHER announced or
- 22 unannounced. , shall be taken into account in licensure
- 23 decisions.
- 24 (6) -(4) The department shall require periodic reports and
- 25 shall have access to books, records, and other documents main-
- 26 tained by a health facility or agency to the extent necessary to
- 27 carry out the purpose of this article and the rules promulgated

- 1 under this article. The department shall WITH respect TO the
- 2 confidentiality of a patient's clinical record, and shall not
- 3 divulge or disclose the contents of the records in a manner which
- 4 identifies an individual except under court order THE DEPARTMENT
- 5 SHALL COMPLY WITH THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT. The depart-
- 6 ment -has the right to MAY copy health facility or agency
- 7 records as required to document findings.
- 8 (7) -(5) The department may delegate survey, evaluation, or
- 9 consultation functions to another state agency or to a local
- 10 health department qualified to perform -them THOSE FUNCTIONS.
- 11 The delegation shall be by cost reimbursement contract between
- 12 the department and the state agency or local health department.
- 13 Survey THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT DELEGATE SURVEY, evaluation, or
- 14 consultation functions -shall not be delegated to nongovernmen-
- 15 tal agencies, except as provided in this section. The department
- 16 may accept A voluntary inspections of INSPECTION OF A CLINICAL
- 17 LABORATORY UNDER PART 205 PERFORMED BY an accrediting body with
- 18 expertise in clinical laboratory accreditation -to perform
- 19 inspections and surveys under part 205 provided that IF the
- 20 accrediting body utilizes forms acceptable to the department,
- 21 applies the same licensing standards as applied to other clinical
- 22 laboratories and provides the same information and data usually
- 23 filed by the department's own employees when engaged in similar
- 24 inspections or surveys. This voluntary inspection shall be
- 25 agreed upon by both the licensee and the department.
- 26 (8) $\frac{(6)}{(6)}$ If, upon investigation, the department or a state
- 27 agency OR A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT determines that a person

- 1 licensed to practice a profession in this state has violated
- 2 -the- AN applicable licensure statute or the rules promulgated
- 3 under that statute, the department, state agency, or local health
- 4 department shall forward the evidence it has to the appropriate
- 5 licensing agency.
- 6 Sec. 20175. (1) A health facility or agency shall keep and
- 7 maintain a record for each patient including a full and complete
- 8 record of tests and examinations performed, observations made,
- 9 treatments provided, and in the case of a hospital, the purpose
- 10 of hospitalization. In addition to the sanctions set forth in
- 11 section 20165, a hospital which THAT fails to comply with this
- 12 subsection -shall be IS subject to a civil fine of \$10,000.00.
- (2) A hospital shall take precautions to assure that the
- 14 records required by subsection (1) are not wrongfully altered or
- 15 destroyed. A hospital -which- THAT fails to comply with this
- 16 subsection -shall-be IS subject to a civil fine of \$10,000.00.
- 17 (3) Unless otherwise provided by law, the licensing and cer-
- 18 tification records required by this article are public records.
- 19 (4) Departmental officers and employees shall respect the
- 20 confidentiality of patient clinical records and shall -not
- 21 divulge or disclose the contents of records in a manner which
- 22 identifies an individual except on court order COMPLY WITH THE
- 23 HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- 24 (5) A health facility or agency with a medical staff shall
- 25 report to the appropriate licensing board and to the department
- 26 not more than 30 days after any disciplinary action has been
- 27 taken against a member of the medical staff, and the relevant

- 1 circumstances OF THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION, for any of the grounds
- 2 set forth in section 16221.
- 3 (6) The records, data, and knowledge collected for or by
- 4 individuals or committees assigned a professional review function
- 5 in a health facility or agency are confidential, shall be used
- 6 only for the purposes provided in this article, are not public
- 7 records, -and are not subject to court subpoena, AND, IF APPLI-
- 8 CABLE, ARE SUBJECT TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- 9 Sec. 20201. (1) A SUBJECT TO SECTION 20203, A health
- 10 facility or agency which THAT provides services directly to
- 11 patients or residents and which is licensed under this article
- 12 shall adopt a policy describing the rights and responsibilities
- 13 of patients or residents admitted to the health facility or
- 14 agency. Except for a licensed health maintenance organization
- 15 which shall comply with section 21086, the policy shall be
- 16 posted A HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY SHALL POST THE POLICY at a
- 17 public place in the HEALTH facility OR AGENCY and shall -be
- 18 provided PROVIDE A COPY OF THE POLICY to each member of the
- 19 facility ITS staff. -Patients- A HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY
- 20 SHALL TREAT PATIENTS or residents -shall be treated in accord-
- 21 ance with the policy.
- 22 (2) The policy describing the rights and responsibilities of
- 23 patients or residents shall include, -as- AT a minimum, ALL OF
- 24 THE FOLLOWING:
- 25 (a) A patient or resident will not be denied appropriate
- 26 care on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex,

- 1 age, handicap, marital status, sexual preference, or source of
 2 payment.
- 3 (b) An individual who is or has been a patient or resident
- 4 is entitled to inspect, or receive for a reasonable fee, a copy
- 5 of his or her medical record upon request. A third party shall
- 6 not be given a copy of the patient's or resident's medical record
- 7 without prior authorization of the patient. MEDICAL RECORDS
- 8 RETAINED BY A HEALTH FACILITY OR AGENCY ARE SUBJECT TO THE HEALTH
- 9 CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- 10 (c) A patient or resident is entitled to confidential treat-
- 11 ment of personal -and medical records, and may refuse their
- 12 release to a person outside the facility except as required
- 13 because of a transfer to another health care facility or as
- 14 required by law or third party payment contract.
- (d) A patient or resident is entitled to privacy, to the
- 16 extent feasible, in treatment and in caring for personal needs
- 17 with consideration, respect, and full recognition of his or her
- 18 dignity and individuality.
- (e) A patient or resident is entitled to receive adequate
- 20 and appropriate care, and to receive, from the appropriate indi-
- 21 vidual within the HEALTH facility OR AGENCY, information about
- 22 his or her medical condition, proposed course of treatment, and
- 23 prospects for recovery, in terms that the patient or resident can
- 24 understand, unless medically contraindicated as documented by the
- 25 attending physician in the PATIENT'S OR RESIDENT'S medical
- 26 record.

- 1 (f) A patient or resident is entitled to refuse treatment to
 2 the extent provided by law and to be informed of the consequences
 3 of that refusal. When a refusal of treatment prevents a health
 4 facility OR AGENCY or its staff from providing appropriate care
 5 according to ethical and professional standards, the relationship
 6 with the patient or resident may be terminated upon reasonable
 7 notice.
- 8 (g) A patient or resident is entitled to exercise his or her 9 rights as a patient or resident and as a citizen, and to this end 10 may present grievances or recommend changes in policies and serv-11 ices on behalf of himself or herself or others to the HEALTH 12 facility OR AGENCY staff, to governmental officials, or to 13 another person of his or her choice within or outside the HEALTH 14 facility OR AGENCY, free from restraint, interference, coercion, 15 discrimination, or reprisal. A patient or resident is entitled 16 to information about the HEALTH facility's OR AGENCY'S policies 17 and procedures for initiation, review, and resolution of patient 18 or resident complaints.
- (h) A patient or resident is entitled to information con
 20 cerning an experimental procedure proposed as a part of his or

 21 her care and shall have HAS the right to refuse to participate

 22 in the experiment without jeopardizing his or her continuing

 23 care.
- (i) A patient or resident is entitled to receive and examine
 25 an explanation of his or her bill regardless of the source of
 26 payment and to receive, upon request, information relating to

- 1 financial assistance available through the HEALTH facility OR
 2 AGENCY.
- 3 (j) A patient or resident is entitled to know who is respon-
- 4 sible for and who is providing his or her direct care, is enti-
- 5 tled to receive information concerning his or her continuing
- 6 health needs and alternatives for meeting those needs, and to be
- 7 involved in his or her discharge planning, if appropriate.
- 8 (k) A patient or resident is entitled to associate and have
- 9 private communications and consultations with his or her physi-
- 10 cian, attorney, or any other person of his or her choice and to
- 11 send and receive personal mail unopened on the same day it is
- 12 received at the health facility or agency, unless medically con-
- 13 traindicated as documented by the attending physician in the
- 14 PATIENT'S OR RESIDENT'S medical record. A patient's or
- 15 resident's civil and religious liberties, including the right to
- 16 independent personal decisions and the right to knowledge of
- 17 available choices, shall not be infringed and the HEALTH facility
- 18 OR AGENCY shall encourage and assist in the fullest possible
- 19 exercise of these rights. A patient or resident may meet with,
- 20 and participate in, the activities of social, religious, and com-
- 21 munity groups at his or her discretion, unless medically contra-
- 22 indicated as documented by the attending physician in the
- 23 PATIENT'S OR RESIDENT'S medical record.
- 24 (1) A patient or resident is entitled to be free from mental
- 25 and physical abuse and from physical and chemical restraints,
- 26 except those restraints authorized in writing by the attending
- 27 physician for a specified and limited time or as are necessitated

- 1 by an emergency to protect the patient or resident from injury to
- 2 self or others, in which case the restraint may only be applied
- 3 by a qualified professional who shall set forth in writing the
- 4 circumstances requiring the use of restraints and who shall
- 5 promptly report the action to the attending physician. In case
- 6 of a chemical restraint a physician shall be consulted within 24
- 7 hours after the commencement of the restraint.
- 8 (m) A patient or resident is entitled to be free from per-
- 9 forming services for the HEALTH facility OR AGENCY that are not
- 10 included for therapeutic purposes in the plan of care.
- (n) A patient or resident is entitled to information about
- 12 the health facility OR AGENCY rules and regulations affecting
- 13 patient or resident care and conduct.
- 14 (3) The following additional requirements for the policy
- 15 described in subsection (2) -shall apply to licensees under
- 16 parts 213 and 217:
- (a) The policy shall be provided to each nursing home
- 18 patient or home for the aged resident upon admission, and the
- 19 staff of the -facility NURSING HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED shall
- 20 be trained and involved in the implementation of the policy.
- 21 (b) Each nursing home patient may associate and communicate
- 22 privately with persons of his or her choice. Reasonable, regular
- 23 visiting hours, which shall be not less than 8 hours per day, and
- 24 which shall take into consideration the special circumstances of
- 25 each visitor, shall be established for patients to receive
- 26 visitors. A NURSING HOME patient may be visited by the patient's
- 27 attorney or by representatives of the departments named in

- 1 section 20156, during other than established visiting hours.
- 2 Reasonable privacy shall be afforded for visitation of a NURSING
- 3 HOME patient who shares a room with another NURSING HOME
- 4 patient. Each NURSING HOME patient shall have reasonable access
- 5 to a telephone. A married nursing home patient or home for the
- 6 aged resident is entitled to meet privately with his or her
- 7 spouse in a room which assures privacy. If both spouses are
- 8 PATIENTS OR residents in the same -facility NURSING HOME OR HOME
- 9 FOR THE AGED, they are entitled to share a room unless medically
- 10 contraindicated and documented by the attending physician in the
- 11 PATIENT'S OR RESIDENT'S medical record.
- 12 (c) A nursing home patient or home for the aged resident is
- 13 entitled to retain and use personal clothing and possessions as
- 14 space permits, unless to do so would infringe upon the rights of
- 15 other NURSING HOME patients or HOME FOR THE AGED residents, or
- 16 unless medically contraindicated as documented by the attending
- 17 physician in the PATIENT'S OR RESIDENT'S medical record. Each
- 18 nursing home patient or home for the aged resident shall be pro-
- 19 vided with reasonable space. At the request of a NURSING HOME
- 20 patient, a nursing home shall provide for the safekeeping of per-
- 21 sonal effects, funds, and other property of a patient in accord-
- 22 ance with section 21767, except that a nursing home -shall not
- 23 be IS NOT required to provide for the safekeeping of a property
- 24 which would impose an unreasonable burden on the nursing home.
- 25 (d) A nursing home patient or home for the aged resident is
- 26 entitled to the opportunity to participate in the planning of his
- 27 or her medical treatment. A nursing home patient shall be fully

- 1 informed by the attending physician of the patient's medical
- 2 condition unless medically contraindicated as documented by a
- 3 physician in the PATIENT'S medical record. Each nursing home
- 4 patient shall be afforded the opportunity to discharge himself or
- 5 herself from the nursing home.
- 6 (e) A home for the aged resident may be transferred or dis-
- 7 charged only for medical reasons, for his or her welfare or that
- 8 of other residents, or for nonpayment of his or her stay, except
- 9 as provided by title 18 or 19 of the social security act, 42
- 10 U.S.C. 1395 to 1396k TITLE XVIII OR TITLE XIX. A nursing home
- 11 patient may be transferred or discharged only as provided in sec-
- 12 tions 21773 to 21777. A nursing home patient or home for the
- 13 aged resident is entitled to be given reasonable advance notice
- 14 to ensure orderly transfer or discharge. Those actions STEPS
- 15 TAKEN TO ENSURE REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE shall be documented in
- 16 the PATIENT'S OR RESIDENT'S medical record. AS USED IN THIS SUB-
- 17 DIVISION AND SUBDIVISION (F):
- 18 (i) "TITLE XVIII" MEANS TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
- 19 ACT, CHAPTER 531, 49 STAT. 620, 42 U.S.C. 1395 TO 1395b, 1395b-2,
- 20 1395c TO 1395i, 1395i-2 TO 1395i-4, 1395j TO 1395t, 1395u TO
- 21 1395w-2, 1395w-4 TO 1395zz, AND 1395bbb TO 1395ccc.
- 22 (ii) "TITLE XIX" MEANS TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT,
- 23 CHAPTER 531, 49 STAT. 620, 42 U.S.C. 1396 TO 1396d, 1396f TO
- 24 1396g, AND 1396i TO 1396s.
- 25 (f) A nursing home patient or home for the aged resident is
- 26 entitled to be fully informed before or at the time of admission
- 27 and during stay of services available in the -facility NURSING

- 1 HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED, and of the related charges including
- 2 any charges for services not covered under title 18 or 19 of the
- 3 social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1395 to 1396k TITLE XVIII OR
- 4 TITLE XIX, or not covered by the facility's NURSING HOME'S OR
- 5 HOME FOR THE AGED'S basic per diem rate. The statement of serv-
- 6 ices provided by the facility NURSING HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED
- 7 shall be in writing and shall include those required to be
- 8 offered on an as-needed basis.
- 9 (g) A nursing home patient or home for the aged resident is
- 10 entitled to manage his or her own financial affairs, or to have
- 11 at least a quarterly accounting of personal financial transac-
- 12 tions undertaken in his or her behalf by the -facility- NURSING
- 13 HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED during a period of time the patient or
- 14 resident has delegated those responsibilities to the -facility-
- 15 NURSING HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED. In addition, a NURSING HOME
- 16 patient or HOME FOR THE AGED resident is entitled to receive each
- 17 month from the -facility NURSING HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED an
- 18 itemized statement setting forth the services paid for by or on
- 19 behalf of the patient and the services rendered by the facility
- 20 NURSING HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED. The admission of a patient to
- 21 a nursing home does not confer on the nursing home or its owner,
- 22 administrator, employees, or representatives the authority to
- 23 manage, use, or dispose of -a THE patient's property.
- 24 (h) A nursing home patient or a person authorized by -a THE
- 25 patient in writing may inspect and copy the patient's personal
- 26 RECORDS UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION and medical records PURSUANT TO
- 27 THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT. The PERSONAL records shall be

- 1 made available for inspection and copying by the nursing home
 2 within a reasonable time, not exceeding 1 week, after the receipt
 3 of a written request UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.
- 4 (i) If a nursing home patient desires treatment by a
 5 licensed member of the healing arts, the treatment shall be made
 6 available unless it is medically contraindicated, and the medical
 7 contraindication is justified in the patient's medical record by
 8 the attending physician.
- 9 (j) A nursing home patient has the right to have his or her 10 parents, if a minor, or his or her spouse, next of kin, or 11 patient's representative, if an adult, stay at the facility 24 12 hours a day if the patient is considered terminally ill by the 13 physician responsible for the patient's care.
- (k) Each nursing home patient shall be provided with meals

 15 which meet the recommended dietary allowances for that patient's

 16 age and sex and which may be modified according to special

 17 dietary needs or ability to chew.
- 18 (ℓ) Each nursing home patient has the right to receive rep-19 resentatives of approved organizations as provided in section 20 21763.
- (4) A nursing home, its owner, administrator, employee, or 22 representative shall not discharge, harass, or retaliate or dis-23 criminate against a patient because the patient has exercised a 24 right protected under this section.
- 25 (5) In the case of a nursing home patient, the rights enu-26 merated in subsection (2)(c), (g), and (k) and subsection (3)(d),

- 1 (g), and (h) may be exercised by the patient's representative as 2 defined in section 21703.
- 3 (6) A nursing home patient or home for the aged resident is
- 4 entitled to be fully informed, as evidenced by the patient's or
- 5 resident's written acknowledgment, before or at the time of
- 6 admission and during stay, of the policy required by this
- 7 section. The policy shall provide that if a NURSING HOME patient
- 8 or HOME FOR THE AGED resident is adjudicated incompetent and not
- 9 restored to legal capacity, the rights and responsibilities set
- 10 forth in this section shall be exercised by a person designated
- 11 by the NURSING HOME patient or HOME FOR THE AGED resident. The
- 12 -facility or agency NURSING HOME OR HOME FOR THE AGED shall pro-
- 13 vide proper forms for the NURSING HOME patient or HOME FOR THE
- 14 AGED resident to provide for the designation of this person at
- 15 the time of admission.
- 16 (7) This section shall not be construed to DOES NOT pro-
- 17 hibit a health facility or agency from establishing and recogniz-
- 18 ing additional patients' OR RESIDENTS' rights.
- 19 Sec. 21025. (1) The insurance bureau may visit or examine
- 20 the business and financial operations of a health maintenance
- 21 organization as follows:
- 22 (a) At periodic intervals during the first licensure
- 23 period.
- 24 (b) Annually, during the second licensure period.
- 25 (c) Once each licensure period, during the third and subse-
- 26 quent licensure periods. This subdivision shall not apply after
- 27 December 31, 1989.

- (d) For reasonable cause as determined by the insurance
 bureau.
- 3 (e) At the request of a majority of the members of the gov-
- 4 erning body of a health maintenance organization.
- 5 (2) The department may visit or examine the health care
- 6 service operations of a health maintenance organization and con-
- 7 sult with enrollees to the extent necessary to carry out the
- 8 intent of this part as follows:
- 9 (a) At periodic intervals during the first licensure
 10 period.
- (b) Annually, during the second licensure period.
- (c) Once each licensure period, during the third and subse-
- 13 quent licensure periods. This subdivision shall not apply after
- 14 December 31, 1989.
- (d) For reasonable cause as determined by the director.
- (e) At the request of a majority of the members of the gov-
- 17 erning body of a health maintenance organization.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1)(c) and (2)(c), until
- 19 January 1, 1985, the department or insurance bureau each may
- 20 visit or examine a health maintenance organization annually
- 21 during the third and subsequent licensure periods.
- 22 (4) The—SUBJECT TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT, THE
- 23 department or AND the insurance bureau each shall have access
- 24 to the books, papers, and documents of the organization relating
- 25 to the delivery of health services in a manner -which- THAT pre-
- 26 serves the confidentiality of the health records of individual
- 27 enrollees. The department -or- AND the insurance bureau each

- 1 shall have access to the corporate books, papers, and documents2 of the organization relating to the business and finances of the
- 3 organization.
- 4 (5) The department or the insurance bureau may:
- 5 (a) Summon and qualify witnesses under oath, and examine the
- 6 officers, agents, employees, providers, or other persons having
- 7 knowledge of the operations, affairs, transactions, and condi-
- 8 tions of a health maintenance organization. The officers,
- 9 agents, employees, providers, or other persons may be required to
- 10 produce any books or papers considered to be relevant to the
- 11 evaluation or inspection of a health maintenance organization's
- 12 affairs, and shall fully cooperate and aid the commissioner or
- 13 the director in an examination or inspection of a health mainte-
- 14 nance organization.
- (b) Require the submission of information regarding a pro-
- 16 posed contract between a health maintenance organization and an
- 17 affiliated provider as the department or insurance bureau consid-
- 18 ers necessary to assure that the contract is in compliance with
- 19 this part.
- 20 (c) Jointly promulgate rules, except that, unless specifi-
- 21 cally authorized by this part, the department and the insurance
- 22 bureau shall not promulgate rules to require a health maintenance
- 23 organization to assume responsibility for long-term care for
- 24 individuals whose custodial maintenance is assigned by statute to
- 25 this state or a political subdivision of this state.

- 1 (6) The department shall promptly send to the insurance
- 2 bureau copies of submissions filed by a health maintenance
- 3 organization.
- 4 Sec. 21743. (1) In addition to public records subject to
- 5 disclosure under section 20175, the following information is
- 6 subject to disclosure from the department of public health or the
- 7 department of social services:
- 8 (a) Ownership of nursing homes, ownership of buildings occu-
- 9 pied by nursing homes, and the names and addresses of suppliers
- 10 and the ownership of suppliers of goods and services to nursing
- 11 homes required to be reported under section 20142.
- 12 (b) Records of license and certification inspections, sur-
- 13 veys, and evaluations of nursing homes, other reports of inspec-
- 14 tions, surveys, and evaluations of patient care, and reports con-
- 15 cerning a nursing home prepared pursuant to titles 18 and 19 of
- 16 the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1395 to 1396k TITLE VIII OR
- 17 TITLE XIX. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION:
- 18 (i) "TITLE XVIII" MEANS TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY
- 19 ACT, CHAPTER 531, 49 STAT. 620, 42 U.S.C. 1395 TO 1395b, 1395b-2,
- 20 1395c TO 1395i, 1395i-2 TO 1395i-4, 1395j TO 1395t, 1395u TO
- 21 1395w-2, 1395w-4 TO 1395zz, AND 1395bbb TO 1395ccc.
- 22 (ii) "TITLE XIX" MEANS TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT,
- 23 CHAPTER 531, 49 STAT. 620, 42 U.S.C. 1396 TO 1396d, 1396f TO
- 24 1396q, AND 1396i TO 1396s.
- 25 (c) Cost and reimbursement reports submitted by a nursing
- 26 home, reports of audits of nursing homes, and other public

- 1 records concerning costs incurred by, revenues received by, and
- 2 reimbursement of nursing homes.
- 3 (d) Complaints filed against a nursing home and complaint
- 4 investigation reports. A complaint or complaint investigation
- 5 report shall not be disclosed to a person other than the com-
- 6 plainant or complainant's representative before it is disclosed
- 7 to a nursing home under section 21799a and a complainant's or
- 8 patient's name shall not be disclosed except as provided in sec-
- 9 tion 21799a.
- 10 (2) The department of public health, the department of
- 11 social services and the nursing home shall respect the confiden-
- 12 tiality of a patient's clinical record as provided in section
- 13 20175 and shall not divulge or disclose the contents of a record
- 14 in a manner which identifies a patient, except upon a patient's
- 15 death to a relative or guardian, or under judicial proceedings.
- 16 This subsection shall not be construed to limit the right of a
- 17 patient or a patient's representative to inspect or copy the
- 18 patient's clinical record A NURSING HOME PATIENT'S MEDICAL
- 19 RECORD IS SUBJECT TO THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- 20 (3) Confidential -medical, social, personal, or financial
- 21 information identifying a patient shall not be available for
- 22 public inspection in a manner which identifies a patient.
- Sec. 22210. (1) A hospital that applies to the department
- 24 for a certificate of need and meets all of the following criteria
- 25 shall be granted a certificate of need for a short-term nursing
- 26 care program with up to 10 licensed hospital beds:

- 1 (a) Is eligible to apply for certification as a provider of 2 swing-bed services under section 1883 of title XVIII of the 3 social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1395tt.
- 4 (b) Subject to subsection (2), has fewer than 100 licensed
 5 beds not counting beds excluded under section 1883 of title XVIII
 6 of the social security act AND THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER
 7 SECTION 1883.
- 8 (c) Does not have uncorrected licensing, certification, or 9 safety deficiencies for which the department or the state fire 10 marshal, or both, has not accepted a plan of correction.
- (d) Provides evidence satisfactory to the department that the hospital has had difficulty in placing patients in skilled nursing home beds during the 12 months immediately preceding the 14 date of the application.
- (2) After October 1, 1990, the criteria set forth in

 16 subsection (1)(b) may be modified by the commission, using the

 17 procedure set forth in section 22215(3). The department shall

 18 not charge a fee for processing a certificate of need application

 19 to initiate a short-term nursing care program.
- 20 (3) A hospital that is granted a certificate of need for a 21 short-term nursing care program under subsection (1) shall comply 22 with all of the following:
- (a) Not charge for or otherwise attempt to recover the cost 24 of a length of stay for a patient in the short-term nursing care 25 program that exceeds the length of time allowed for post-hospital 26 extended care under title XVIII of the social security act, 27 chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 1395 to 1395b, 1395b-2,

- 1 1395c to 1395i, 1395i-2 to 1395i-4, 1395j TO 1395t, 1395u to
- 2 1395w-2, 1395w-4 to -1395dd, 1395ff to 1395yy 1395zz, and
- 3 1395bbb to 1395ccc.
- 4 (b) Admit patients to the short-term nursing care program
- 5 only pursuant to an admissions contract approved by the
- 6 department.
- 7 (c) Not discharge or transfer a patient from a licensed hos-
- 8 pital bed, other than a hospital long-term care unit bed, and
- 9 admit that patient to the short-term nursing care program unless
- 10 the discharge or transfer and admission is determined medically
- 11 appropriate by the attending physician.
- (d) Permit access to a representative of an organization
- 13 approved under section 21764 to patients admitted to the
- 14 short-term nursing care program, for all of the purposes
- 15 described in section 21763.
- (e) Subject to subsection (8), not allow the number of
- 17 patient days for the short-term nursing care program to exceed
- 18 the equivalent of 1,825 patient days for a single state fiscal
- 19 year.
- 20 (f) Transfer a patient in the short-term nursing care pro-
- 21 gram to an appropriately certified nursing home bed, county medi-
- 22 cal care facility bed, or hospital long-term care unit bed
- 23 located within a 50-mile radius of the patient's residence within
- 24 5 business days after the hospital has been notified, either
- 25 orally or in writing, that a bed has become available.
- 26 (q) Not charge or collect from a patient admitted to the
- 27 short-term nursing care program, for services rendered as part of

- 1 the short-term nursing care program, an amount in excess of the
- 2 reasonable charge for the services as determined by the United
- 3 States secretary of health and human services under title XVIII
- 4 of the social security act.
- 5 (h) Assist a patient who has been denied coverage for serv-
- 6 ices received in a short-term nursing care program under title
- 7 XVIII of the social security act to file an appeal with the medi-
- 8 care recovery project operated by the office of services to the
- 9 aging.
- (i) Operate the short-term nursing care program in accord-
- 11 ance with this section and the requirements of the swing bed pro-
- 12 visions of section 1883 of title XVIII of the social security
- 13 act, 42 U.S.C. 1395tt.
- 14 (j) Provide data to the department considered necessary by
- 15 the department to evaluate the short-term nursing care program.
- 16 The data shall include, but is not limited to, all of the
- 17 following:
- 18 (i) The total number of patients admitted to the hospital's
- 19 short-term nursing care program during the period specified by
- 20 the department.
- 21 (ii) The total number of short-term nursing care patient
- 22 days for the period specified by the department.
- 23 (iii) Information identifying the type of care to which
- 24 patients in the short-term care nursing program are released.
- 25 (k) As part of the hospital's policy describing the rights
- 26 and responsibilities of patients admitted to the hospital, as
- 27 required under section 20201, incorporate all of the following

- 1 additional rights and responsibilities for patients in the
- 2 short-term nursing care program:
- 3 (i) A copy of the hospital's policy shall be provided to
- 4 each short-term nursing care patient upon admission, and the
- 5 staff of the hospital shall be trained and involved in the imple-
- 6 mentation of the policy.
- 7 (ii) Each short-term nursing care patient may associate and
- 8 communicate privately with persons of his or her choice.
- 9 Reasonable, regular visiting hours, which shall take into consid-
- 10 eration the special circumstances of each visitor, shall be
- 11 established for short-term nursing care patients to receive
- 12 visitors. A short-term nursing care patient may be visited by
- 13 the patient's attorney or by representatives of the departments
- 14 named in section 20156 during other than established visiting
- 15 hours. Reasonable privacy shall be afforded for visitation of a
- 16 short-term nursing care patient who shares a room with another
- 17 short-term nursing care patient. Each short-term nursing care
- 18 patient shall have reasonable access to a telephone.
- 19 (iii) A short-term nursing care patient is entitled to
- 20 retain and use personal clothing and possessions as space per-
- 21 mits, unless medically contraindicated, as documented by the
- 22 attending physician in the PATIENT'S medical record.
- 23 (iv) A short-term nursing care patient is entitled to the
- 24 opportunity to participate in the planning of his or her medical
- 25 treatment. A short-term nursing care patient shall be fully
- 26 informed by the attending physician of the short-term nursing
- 27 care patient's medical condition, unless medically

- 1 contraindicated, as documented by a physician in the medical
- 2 record. Each short-term nursing care patient shall be afforded
- 3 the opportunity to discharge himself or herself from the
- 4 short-term nursing care program.
- 5 (v) A short-term nursing care patient is entitled to be
- 6 fully informed either before or at the time of admission, and
- 7 during their stay, of services available in the hospital and of
- 8 the related charges for those services. The statement of serv-
- 9 ices provided by the hospital shall be in writing and shall
- 10 include those services required to be offered on an as needed
- 11 basis.
- 12 (vi) A patient in a short-term nursing care program or a
- 13 person authorized in writing by the patient may, upon submission
- 14 to the hospital of a written request, inspect and copy the
- 15 patient's personal -or medical records. The hospital shall make
- 16 the PERSONAL records available for inspection and copying within
- 17 a reasonable time, not exceeding 7 days, after the receipt of the
- 18 written request. THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORDS ARE SUBJECT TO
- 19 THE HEALTH CARE INFORMATION ACT.
- 20 (vii) A short-term nursing care patient has the right to
- 21 have his or her parents, if the short-term nursing care patient
- 22 is a minor, or his or her spouse, next of kin, or patient's rep-
- 23 resentative, if the short-term nursing care patient is an adult,
- 24 stay at the facility 24 hours a day if the short-term nursing
- 25 care patient is considered terminally ill by the physician
- 26 responsible for the short-term nursing care patient's care.

- 1 (viii) Each short-term nursing care patient shall be
- 2 provided with meals that meet the recommended dietary allowances
- 3 for that patient's age and sex and that may be modified according
- 4 to special dietary needs or ability to chew.
- 5 (ix) Each short-term nursing care patient has the right to
- 6 receive a representative of an organization approved under
- 7 section 21764, for all of the purposes described in section
- 8 21763.
- 9 (1) Achieve and maintain medicare certification under title
- 10 XVIII of the social security act.
- 11 (4) A hospital or the owner, administrator, an employee, or
- 12 a representative of the hospital shall not discharge, harass, or
- 13 retaliate or discriminate against a short-term nursing care
- 14 patient because the short-term nursing care patient has exercised
- 15 a right described in subsection (3)(k).
- (5) In the case of a short-term nursing care patient, the
- 17 rights described in subsection $(3)(k)(i\nu)$ may be exercised by the
- 18 patient's representative, as defined in section 21703(2).
- (6) A short-term nursing care patient shall be fully
- 20 informed, as evidenced by the short-term nursing care patient's
- 21 written acknowledgment, before or at the time of admission and
- 22 during stay, of the rights described in subsection (3)(k). The
- 23 written acknowledgment shall provide that if a short-term nursing
- 24 care patient is adjudicated incompetent and not restored to legal
- 25 capacity, the rights and responsibilities set forth in subsection
- 26 (3)(k) shall be exercised by a person designated by the
- 27 short-term nursing care patient. The hospital shall provide

- 1 proper forms for the short-term nursing care patient to provide
- 2 for the designation of this person at the time of admission.
- 3 (7) Subsection (3)(k) does not prohibit a hospital from
- 4 establishing and recognizing additional rights for short-term
- 5 nursing care patients.
- 6 (8) Upon application, the department may grant a variation
- 7 from the maximum number of patient days established under subsec-
- 8 tion (3)(e), to an applicant hospital that demonstrates to the
- 9 satisfaction of the department that there is an immediate need
- 10 for skilled nursing beds within a 100-mile radius of the
- 11 hospital. A variation granted under this subsection -shall be-
- 12 IS valid for not more than 1 year after the date variation is
- 13 granted. The department shall promulgate rules to implement this
- 14 subsection including, at a minimum, a definition of immediate
- 15 need and the procedure for applying for a variation.
- (9) A hospital that violates subsection (3) is subject to
- 17 the penalty provisions of section 20165.
- 18 (10) A person shall not initiate a short-term nursing care
- 19 program without first obtaining a certificate of need under this
- 20 section.
- 21 (11) By October 1, 1990, the department shall collect data
- 22 from hospitals operating short-term nursing care programs and
- 23 report to the legislature on the status of short-term nursing
- 24 care programs in this state. The report shall include a recom-
- 25 mendation as to whether or not short-term nursing care programs
- 26 should continue.

- 1 (12) This section is repealed effective October 1, 1993.
- 2 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
- 3 Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5217 (request
- 4 no.(00759'91) of the 86th Legislature is enacted into law.

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