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HB4195 AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Sponsor: Rep. Bruce Patterson

Committee: HEALTH POLICY

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### State Fiscal Impact

Cost: None  
Revenues: None

### Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None  
Revenues: None

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The bill would require nursing homes to have on duty at all times an individual responsible for receiving complaints and conducting complaint investigations and to post the name, title, location, and phone number of this individual in a conspicuous location. It also requires this individual to respond to a complaint or request in accordance with written policies and procedures adopted by the nursing home in accordance with existing administrative rules. In addition, the Department of Consumer and Industry Services would be required to post certain information on its Internet website to assist the individuals who are charged with receiving and investigating complaints.

Since most nursing home staff are paid in part through Medicaid dollars (which include state matching funds), any regulations that increase staffing needs could foreseeably increase the State's costs in this regard. However, the bill requires homes receiving Medicaid reimbursement to designate one or more current employees to fulfill the duties prescribed in the bill and states that the bill's provisions shall not constitute a basis for increasing nursing home staffing levels.

For this reason, the bill is expected to have no fiscal impact on the State or on local units of government.