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HB5259 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Sponsor: Rep. Gary Woronchak

Committee: HEALTH POLICY

Analyst(s): Schneider, Bob

Completed: 12/13/01

State Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

Current law requires a "health facility or agency" -- hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, and other licensed facilities as defined in current law -- to adopt, post in a public place, and treat residents and patients in accordance with a policy describing the rights and responsibilities of patients and residents admitted to the facility or agency. Current law also lists a number of minimum standards that are to be included in the policy. HB 5259 would require these facilities and agencies to include as part of the policy that "a patient or resident is entitled to adequate and appropriate pain and symptom management as a basic and essential element of his or her medical treatment". The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State or on local units of government.