

(2) If a patient is on leave of absence from a facility, the facility shall receive payment for each day that the patient is absent and a bed is reserved and made available for the patient upon that patient's return.

(c) Payments under [(b) (1)] PARAGRAPH (1) OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION shall be made for the maximum periods allowed under rules and regulations of the UNITED STATES Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Payments under [(b) (2)] PARAGRAPH (2) OF SUBSECTION (B) shall be made for a maximum aggregate of [10] 18 days in any calendar year. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, A LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY REQUIREMENT THAT IT MUST NOT EXCEED A PARTICULAR NUMBER OF DAYS PER VISIT, EXCEPT THAT THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE MAY NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF 18 DAYS DURING ANY 12-MONTH PERIOD.

(d) Payments required under this section shall be made according to the per diem payment procedures established by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and shall not be less than the per diem payments made to the facility during the time that the patient is present in the facility.

(e) A facility may not assess additional charges against a patient because the patient is temporarily absent from the facility.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

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CHAPTER 588

(House Bill 304)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Record Keeping

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that the Motor Vehicle Administration may require business licenses to~~ requiring that business licensees maintain and keep certain records, that these records be kept for a certain time, and that during business hours these records be available for inspection by the Motor Vehicle Administration or any police officer; deleting the time period for which each licensed wrecker and scrap processor must keep certain records; and deleting the record keeping and inspection requirement relating to licensed drivers' schools.