

CHAPTER 218

(Senate Bill 690)

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes - Quality Assurance

FOR the purpose of requiring a nursing home, ~~as a condition of licensure by a certain date, to establish and implement~~ a quality assurance program that meets certain requirements and is approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring a nursing home to ~~employ a quality assurance nurse designate a qualified individual~~ to manage and monitor the quality of care in the nursing home ~~and a medical director; requiring the designation of a medical director;~~ requiring a nursing home to establish a Quality Assurance Committee that must review and approve annually a quality assurance plan; defining certain terms; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain entities, to define the role of the medical director for a nursing home; prohibiting the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene from requiring the disclosure of certain records and reports; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to impose certain sanctions under certain circumstances; requiring each nursing home to display certain notice; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations that will provide for ~~medical-staff~~ physician accountability; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to create a technical assistance unit; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to partially reimburse a nursing home for installing certain automated health systems; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations; requiring a nursing home to give notice and establish certain procedures ~~in the event of injury, closure, or loss of funds~~ under certain circumstances; and generally relating to quality assurance in nursing homes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1401 through 19-1403 and 19-1405 through 19-1409 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 14. Nursing Homes"

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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1404

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BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1410 through 19-1415