

July 17, 2002

H 1777. DISAPPROVE SANITATION RULES. *TO DISAPPROVE ADOPTION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GOVERNING THE SANITATION OF HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, REST HOMES, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.* As title indicates lists rules to be disapproved.

Intro. by Gibson.

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August 14, 2002

H 1777. SANITATION RULES/EFFECTIVE DATE & FIELD TEST. Intro. 7/17/02. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES GOVERNING SANITATION OF HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, REST HOMES, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR A FIELD TEST OF THOSE RULES; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION FOR HEALTH SERVICES TO ADOPT TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT RULES TO AMEND THOSE RULES; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION TO ADOPT TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT RULES TO AMEND A RELATED RULE.* Original bill disapproved the adoption of certain administrative rules relating to hospitals, nursing homes, and rest homes. This committee substitute provides that the rules are not disapproved, but that their effective date is delayed to March 1, 2003. The committee substitute further: (1) directs the Div'n of Environmental Health to field test the rules between Oct. 1, 2002, and Feb. 1, 2003, to determine what expenditures covered facilities will have to make to comply with the new rules; (2) directs the Div'n to provide training to staffs of covered facilities on compliance with the new rules; and (3) empowers the Comm'n for Health Services (or the Medical Care Comm'n, as appropriate) to adopt rules revising the new rules or delaying their effective date.

September 20, 2002

H 1777. SANITATION RULES/EFFECTIVE DATE & FIELD TEST. Intro. 7/17/02. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes title to add the following: *AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION TO ADOPT TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT RULES GOVERNING LICENSING OF FAMILY CARE HOMES AND HOMES FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM; AND TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR EXPEDITING REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS FROM RULES PERTAINING TO MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.* As title indicates. Also requires that Medical Care Comm'n consult with interested persons during the development of proposed temporary rule to amend licensing rule indicated; notify persons on Comm'n mailing list of intent to adopt rules; publish a notice of intent to adopt rules and allow written comment for at least 30 days after publication; and hold at least one public hearing on the proposed rules. Requires that Sec'y act on requests for waiver of rules adopted by Sec'y or by Comm'n for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services within 10 days of receipt of the request upon consideration of specified factors. Further requires Sec'y to put denial in writing and include the grounds upon which denial is based. Limits length of waivers to shorter of three years or period of applicable business plan. Sets July 1, 2005, expiration for expedited waiver process.