

Hall of the House of Representatives
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1061

TO CREATE THE NO PATIENT LEFT ALONE ACT; CONCERNING VISITATION RIGHTS OF PATIENTS;
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1061

Amend House Bill No. 1061 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Vaught, Bentley, Evans, Furman, Maddox, M. McElroy, Miller, Richmond, Watson as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Senators A. Clark, Flippo as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete line 20, and substitute the following:

"(1) "Healthcare agent" means an individual other than a spouse or legal guardian who is designated by the patient to advocate or provide support for the patient;

(2) "Healthcare professional" means a person who is licensed,"

AND

Page 2, line 24, delete "(2)" and substitute "(3)"

AND

Page 2, line 31, delete "disabilities; or" and substitute "disabilities;"

AND

Page 2, delete line 33, and substitute the following:

"care; or

(G) A hospice."

AND



Page 2, delete lines 34 and 35, and substitute the following:

"(d)(1) A child has the right to have a parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to be physically present with a child while the child receives"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 2 and 3, and substitute the following:

"(2) An adult patient has the right to have a spouse, healthcare agent, or legal guardian physically present with the adult patient while the adult receives care"

AND

Page 3, delete line 13, and substitute the following:

"caring for the patient.

(5) A clergy member or spiritual advisor may be physically present with a patient to pray with or offer spiritual support for the patient while the patient receives care in a hospital, an office of a healthcare professional, or a long-term care facility."

AND

Page 3, line 14, delete "(5)" and substitute "(6)"

AND

Page 4, delete line 6, and substitute the following:

"healthcare professional, or long-term care facility as well as on the website of the hospital, office of a healthcare professional, or long-term care facility."

AND

Page 4, line 9, delete "agency; or" and substitute "agency;"

AND

Page 4, delete line 10, and substitute the following:

"(2) Due to a court order;

(3) To prevent disruption to the care of the patient; or

(4)(A) If the person has a confirmed contagious disease.

(B) However, the hospital, office of a healthcare professional, or a long-term care facility shall allow access through telephone, telecommunication means, or other means that ensure the protection of the patient.

(h) This section does not apply to:

(1) The Arkansas State Hospital; or

(2) A minor who is in the custody of the Division of Children and Family Services."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative J. Mayberry
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Chief Clerk