

HOUSE BILL No. 5255

October 17, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Hardman, George, Julian, Howell, Richardville, Stewart, Woronchak, Basham, Scranton, Ehardt, Patterson, Jelinek, Voorhees, Shulman, Raczkowski, Shackleton, Vear, Plakas, Pappageorge, Hummel, Meyer, Kuipers, Vander Veen, Gilbert, Stamas, Allen, Anderson, Kooiman, Pumford, Middaugh, Kowall, Cassis, Van Woerkom, DeVuyst, Cameron Brown, Sanborn, Faunce, Neumann and Toy and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21534.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 21534. (1) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2002, A HOSPITAL SHALL
2 SPECIFICALLY NOTIFY IN WRITING A PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S GUARD-
3 IAN OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AVAILABILITY OR LACK OF AVAIL-
4 ABILITY OF HOSPICE CARE IN THE HOSPITAL. THIS WRITTEN NOTICE
5 SHALL BE BY WAY OF A SPECIFIC PARAGRAPH LOCATED IN THE ADMISSION
6 DOCUMENTS AND SHALL REQUIRE THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S GUARDIAN
7 OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SIGN OR INITIAL THE PARAGRAPH BEFORE
8 ADMISSION TO THE HOSPITAL. FAILURE OF THE HOSPITAL TO SUBSTAN-
9 TIALY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION
10 RENDERS THE ADMISSION DOCUMENTS VOIDABLE AT THE OPTION OF THE
11 PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S GUARDIAN OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE. THE

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1 HOSPITAL SHALL INCLUDE ANY DOCUMENT SIGNED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
2 IN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD FILE.

3 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "HOSPICE" MEANS THAT TERM AS
4 DEFINED IN SECTION 20106(4).