

SENATE BILL No. 450

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-21-2-15.

Synopsis: Nonemergency physician requirement. Requires a hospital with at least 100 beds to have on duty at all times, in addition to any emergency room physicians on duty, a physician serving nonemergency patients.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 13, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-21-2-15, AS ADDED BY P.L.96-1994,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 15. (a) **In addition to any physician assigned for**
4 **inpatient emergencies**, a hospital with at least one hundred (100) beds
5 shall have on duty at all times at least one (1) physician **to serve**
6 **nonemergency room patients exclusively. The physician must be**
7 licensed under IC 25-22.5. ~~Implementation of this section shall be~~
8 ~~subject to rules promulgated by the state department of health to ensure~~
9 ~~continuous coverage by physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5 for~~
10 ~~inpatient emergencies.~~

11 (b) **A hospital may not require a physician assigned to serve**
12 **nonemergency patients under subsection (a) to serve emergency**
13 **patients during the same period the physician is assigned to serve**
14 **nonemergency patients.**



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