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# HOUSE BILL No. 1444

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-28-11.

**Synopsis:** Fire sprinklers in nursing homes. Requires certain health facilities to have automatic fire sprinkler systems before July 1, 2012. Provides that if a system is not installed before July 1, 2010, a plan for completion must be submitted to the state department of health (state department). Requires the state department of health to publish in the state department's consumer guide to nursing homes the types of automatic fire sprinkler systems and smoke detectors in a nursing home.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2007; July 1, 2008.

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January 16, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

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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 16-28-11-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2007]: **Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to the Indiana  
4 Veterans' Home.**

5 **(b) A health facility licensed under IC 16-28 as a comprehensive  
6 care facility must do the following:**

7 **(1) Have an automatic fire sprinkler system throughout the  
8 health facility before July 1, 2012.**

9 **(2) If an automatic fire sprinkler system is not installed  
10 throughout the health facility before July 1, 2010, submit  
11 before July 1, 2010, a plan to the state department for  
12 completion of the automatic fire sprinkler system before July  
13 1, 2012.**

14 **(c) The state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
15 implement this section.**

16 SECTION 2. IC 16-28-11-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
17 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY



1 1, 2007]: **Sec. 6. The state department shall disclose, in the state**  
2 **department's consumer guide to nursing homes, whether a health**  
3 **facility is:**

- 4 (1) fully;
- 5 (2) partially; or
- 6 (3) not;

7 **equipped with fire sprinklers.**

8 SECTION 3. IC 16-28-11-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
9 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
10 1, 2008]: **Sec. 7. The state department shall disclose the following**  
11 **information in the state department's consumer guide to nursing**  
12 **homes:**

13 (1) **Whether a health facility has:**

- 14 (A) battery operated;
- 15 (B) hard wired; or
- 16 (C) no;

17 **smoke detectors in each resident's room.**

18 (2) **If a health facility has hard wired or wireless smoke**  
19 **detectors in each resident's room, whether the smoke**  
20 **detectors:**

- 21 (A) provide a visual and audible signal at the nurses'
- 22 stations that attend each room;
- 23 (B) transmit to a central station service; and
- 24 (C) connect to the health facility's fire alarm system.

25 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **As used in this**  
26 **SECTION, "commissioner" has the meaning set forth in**  
27 **IC 16-18-2-340.**

28 (b) **Notwithstanding IC 16-28-11-5, as added by this act, the**  
29 **state department of health shall carry out the duties imposed upon**  
30 **the state department of health under IC 16-28-11-5, as added by**  
31 **this act, under interim written guidelines approved by the**  
32 **commissioner.**

33 (c) **This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:**

- 34 (1) **The date rules are adopted under IC 16-28-11-5, as added**  
35 **by this act.**
- 36 (2) **January 1, 2009.**

37 SECTION 5. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

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