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HOUSE BILL NO. 1936

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE TILLEY.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 197.291, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the technical advisory committee on the quality of patient care and nursing practices.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 197.291, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 197.291, to read as follows:

197.291. 1. There is hereby established a "Technical Advisory Committee on the Quality of Patient Care and Nursing Practices" within the department of health and senior services. The committee shall be comprised of nine members appointed by the director of the department of health and senior services [on or before December 1, 2000], one of whom shall be a representative of the department of health and senior services and one of whom shall be a representative of the general public. In addition, the director shall appoint three members representing licensed registered nurses from a list of recommended appointees provided by the Missouri Nurses Association, one member representing licensed practical nurses from a list of recommended appointees provided by the Missouri Licensed Practical Nurses Association, two members from a list of recommended appointees provided by the Missouri Hospital Association, and one member representing licensed physicians from a list of recommended appointees provided by the Missouri State Medical Association.

2. The committee shall work with hospitals, nurses, physicians, state agencies, community groups and academic researchers to develop specific recommendations related to staffing, improving the quality of patient care, and insuring the safe and appropriate employment

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 of licensed nurses within hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers. The committee shall
17 develop recommendations and submit an annual report based on such recommendations to the
18 governor, chairpersons of standing health and appropriations committees of the general assembly
19 and the department of health and senior services no later than December thirty-first of each year[,
20 beginning in 2001].

21 3. The department of health and senior services shall provide such support as the
22 committee members require to aid it in the performance of its duties.

23 4. Committee members shall not be compensated for their services but shall be
24 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

25 5. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2006] **2011**.

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