

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 458, Page 2, Section 195.070, Line 27, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "197.130. 1. All hospitals licensed under this chapter shall require admission staff to provide
5 written notice to each patient when the patient is admitted to the hospital under observational status:

6 (1) During the intake process;

7 (2) At any time the patient's status changes; and

8 (3) Upon discharge.

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10 Upon discharge the hospital admission staff shall provide written notice to the patient regarding the
11 duration of the patient's inpatient status, observational status, or both.

12 2. Each written notice shall include:

13 (1) A statement regarding whether the patient is being admitted to the hospital under
14 inpatient status or observational status;

15 (2) A statement that observation status may affect the patient's Medicare, MO HealthNet, or
16 private insurance coverage for hospital services including medications and pharmaceutical supplies
17 and for home- and community-based care or rehabilitative services at a skilled nursing facility if
18 needed upon discharge from the hospital; and

19 (3) A recommendation that the patient contact his or her health insurance provider to better
20 understand the implications of a patient's placement in observation status.

21 3. The department of health and senior services shall promulgate rules to implement the
22 provisions of this section and shall develop an acknowledgment form to meet the written notice
23 requirements of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010,
24 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies
25 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
26 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
27 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
28 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or
29 adopted after August 28, 2015, shall be invalid and void."; and
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2 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
3 accordingly.
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