

HB 2293 -- PATIENT-DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS

SPONSOR: Franklin

This bill creates the "Caregiver, Advise, Record, and Enable (CARE) Act," which requires a hospital or ambulatory surgical center to provide each patient or patient's legal guardian with an opportunity to designate a caregiver prior to the patient's discharge. Such caregiver designation, or lack thereof, must be documented by the hospital or ambulatory surgical center. The hospital or ambulatory surgical center must notify a patient's caregiver of the patient's discharge or transfer as soon as practicable. Hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, or employees or contractors of such entities must not be liable in any way for the actions of a caregiver. This bill shall not interfere with the rights of an attorney in fact under a durable power of health care.

This bill is the same as HB 796 (2017) and SB 1102 (2016).