

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1015

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MORSE.

1839H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapters 197 and 198, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to family member visitation in certain facilities.

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

Section A. Chapters 197 and 198, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 197.146 and 198.095, to read as follows:

197.146. 1. Every hospital, as defined in section 197.020, shall develop a protocol for family members to visit with patients who are confined in the hospital during a pandemic or an outbreak of a contagious illness that affects a significant proportion of the population in the area in which the hospital is located.

2. Every hospital shall publish the protocol on its website and provide copies of the protocol to patients and their family members.

3. Before January 1, 2022, every hospital shall comply with the provisions of this section.

198.095. 1. Every facility shall develop a protocol for family members to visit with residents who are confined in the facility during a pandemic or an outbreak of a contagious illness that affects a significant proportion of the population in the area in which the facility is located.

2. Every facility shall publish the protocol on its website and provide copies of the protocol to residents and their family members.

3. Before January 1, 2022, every facility shall comply with the provisions of this section.

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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.