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HOUSE BILL NO. 944

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CROSSLEY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 198, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to attendant call systems in certain facilities.

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

Section A. Chapter 198, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 198.078, to read as follows:

3 **198.078. 1. All assisted living facilities and residential care facilities shall be**
4 **equipped with an attendant call system consisting of an electrical intercommunication**
5 **system, a wireless pager system, a buzzer system, or hand and analog bells.**

6 **2. An acceptable mechanism for calling attendants shall be located in each toilet**
7 **room and resident bedroom.**

8 **3. The attendant call system shall be audible in the attendant's work area.**

9 **4. For every call made by a resident using the attendant call system, the call**
10 **system shall record the length of time that elapses between the call and the response to**
11 **the call by the attendant. A log of such response times recorded by the call system shall**
12 **be available to the department during any inspection conducted under sections 198.525**
13 **to 198.528.**

14 **5. (1) The department of health and senior services shall establish a standard for**
15 **the maximum length of time allowed to elapse between a call made by a resident using**
16 **the attendant call system and the response to the call by the attendant.**

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.

15 **(2) Any failure by an assisted living facility or residential care facility to meet the**
16 **standard set under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be considered a deficiency to**
17 **be noted in the findings of the survey described in section 198.528.**

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