

HB 139 -- COMPASSIONATE CARE VISITS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

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This bill modifies the "No Patient Left Alone Act" and the "Compassionate Care Visitation Act" by establishing penalty provisions for any facility in violation of the provisions of the Act. A facility in violation will be liable to the State for a civil penalty of \$1000 per day of such violation. The Attorney General or the Department of Health and Senior Services may bring an action in a circuit court of competent jurisdiction. Any order by a circuit court in such an action assessing civil penalties against a health care facility will include an award of attorney's fees to the State.

This bill is similar to HB 2869 (2024).