



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 243

LCO No. 48

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT REQUIRING ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS TO MAKE FORENSIC NURSING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "forensic nursing" means the application of forensic science to
3 the practice of nursing and includes (1) the assessment and treatment
4 of victims and perpetrators of crimes against persons, and (2) the
5 collection and documentation of physical evidence that may contain
6 evidentiary value and be presented in a criminal or civil proceeding in
7 a court of law.

8 (b) Each acute care hospital in this state shall make forensic nursing
9 services available to its patients.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require acute care hospitals to make forensic nursing services available to patients.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]