



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5045

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**AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO DISPLAY
PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BADGES DURING WORK HOURS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Health care provider" means any person employed by or acting
4 on behalf of a health care facility or institution; and

5 (2) "Health care facility or institution" means a hospital, nursing
6 home, rest home, home health care agency, homemaker-home health
7 aide agency, emergency medical services organization, assisted living
8 services agency, outpatient surgical facility and an infirmary operated
9 by an educational institution for the care of students enrolled in, and
10 faculty and employees of, such institution.

11 (b) Any health care provider who provides direct patient care shall
12 wear in plain view during such provider's working hours a
13 photographic identification badge issued by the health care facility or
14 institution that includes the name of the health care facility or
15 institution, the name of the health care provider, and the type of
16 license, certificate or employment title that the health care provider
17 holds with the health care facility or institution. Health care facilities or
18 institutions, in consultation with the Department of Public Health,

19 shall develop policies and procedures concerning (1) the size, content
20 and format of the photographic identification badge required pursuant
21 to this subsection, and (2) any exemptions to the requirements of this
22 subsection necessary to ensure the safety of patients and health care
23 providers in surgical settings or other sterile environments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
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