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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5435*****AN ACT CONCERNING "DO NOT RESUSCITATE" ORDERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to include in its regulations concerning "do not resuscitate" (DNR) orders, the form, recognition, and transfer of a physician's orders relating to a patient's end of life care by (1) emergency medical service providers not affiliated with a hospital and (2) licensed health care institutions.

By law, DPH must adopt regulations establishing a system for the recognition and transfer of DNR orders between licensed health care institutions and upon the intervention of emergency medical service providers. The regulations must:

1. include procedures for the use of DNR bracelets;
2. specify that, upon request, a physician issuing a DNR order must assist the patient or patient's authorized representative in using the system; and
3. not impede the actions of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) commissioner concerning the appropriateness of DNR orders for DDS clients.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/29/2012)