
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5277

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT THAT PROMOTE ACCESSIBILITY IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner to adopt regulations that require health care facilities to meet or exceed certain federal technical standards for accessibility of medical diagnostic equipment purchased on or after January 1, 2023. Specifically, facilities must at least comply with the technical standards developed by the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in accordance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The commissioner must, by October 1, 2023, notify each licensed physician of these technical standards and provide them with best practices for providing health care safely to people with accessibility needs.

Under the bill, a “health care facility” is a hospital, outpatient clinic, and long-term care or hospice facility. “Medical diagnostic equipment” includes an examination table or chair; weight scale; mammography equipment; and x-ray, imaging, and other radiological diagnostic equipment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

The board is an independent federal agency that provides information, technical assistance, and training on accessibility design for people with disabilities. Among other things, it provides design criteria for transit vehicles, telecommunications equipment, and electronic

information technology.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/11/2022)