

**CHAPTER 1015**  
**WITNESS COMPETENCY**  
*S.F. 2173*

**AN ACT** relating to the competency of a witness by amending the Iowa rules of evidence.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Rule of evidence 601, Iowa court rules, third edition, is amended by striking the rule and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

**RULE 601. GENERAL RULE OF COMPETENCY.** Unless otherwise provided by statute or rule, every person is competent to be a witness.

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**CHAPTER 1016**  
**LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**  
*S.F. 2221*

**AN ACT** requiring the department of inspections and appeals to adopt rules establishing a special license classification for an intermediate care facility, skilled nursing facility, or nursing facility or a special unit within the facility providing care to persons who suffer from chronic confusion or a dementing illness, and providing an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**Section 1. HEALTH FACILITY SPECIAL LICENSE CLASSIFICATION – RULES REQUIRED.**

The department of inspections and appeals shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A establishing a special license classification for an intermediate care facility, a skilled nursing facility, or a nursing facility, which designates and dedicates the facility or a special unit within the facility to provide care for persons who suffer from chronic confusion or a dementing illness. A facility which designates and dedicates the facility or a special unit within the facility for the care of persons who suffer from chronic confusion or a dementing illness shall be licensed. A facility which does not designate and dedicate the facility or a specific unit within the facility to care for persons who suffer from chronic confusion or a dementing illness may serve the persons without a special license. However, an existing facility or unit of a facility which has designated and dedicated the facility or unit to care for persons who suffer from chronic confusion or a dementing illness must have a special license within ninety days following the date of enactment of this Act or by the date of the facility's or unit's next annual survey, whichever is later. The rules shall take effect upon filing unless a later date is specified in the rules.

**Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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