

House File 767

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1 Amend House File 767 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

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4 ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN NURSING FACILITIES

5 Section 1. Section 135C.1, Code 2021, is amended by adding  
6 the following new subsections:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. "*Electronic monitoring*" means the  
8 placement and use of an electronic monitoring device by  
9 a resident in the resident's room in accordance with this  
10 subchapter.

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 6B. "*Electronic monitoring device*" means a  
12 camera or other device that captures, records, or broadcasts  
13 audio, video, or both, that is placed in a resident's room and  
14 is used to monitor the resident or activities in the room.

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 21A. "*Resident representative*" means one of  
16 the following in the order of priority listed, to the extent  
17 the person may reasonably be identified and located:

18 a. The attorney in fact designated to make treatment  
19 decisions for the resident in accordance with chapter 144B.

20 b. The guardian of the resident if one has been appointed  
21 pursuant to chapter 633.

22 c. The resident's spouse.

23 d. An adult child of the resident or, if the resident has  
24 more than one adult child, a majority of the adult children who  
25 are reasonably available.

26 e. A parent of the resident, or parents if both are  
27 reasonably available.

28 f. An adult sibling of the resident.

29 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 135C.49 **Electronic monitoring.**

30 1. A resident or a resident representative may conduct  
31 electronic monitoring of the resident's room through the use of  
32 an electronic monitoring device placed in the resident's room  
33 pursuant to this subchapter.

34 2. Nothing in this section precludes the use of electronic  
35 monitoring otherwise allowed by law.

1     Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 135C.50 Consent to electronic  
2 monitoring.

3     1. Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter,  
4 a resident must consent to electronic monitoring in the  
5 resident's room in writing on a notification and consent  
6 form prescribed by the department. If the resident has  
7 not affirmatively objected to electronic monitoring and the  
8 resident's medical professional determines that the resident  
9 lacks the ability to understand and appreciate the nature  
10 and consequences of electronic monitoring, the resident  
11 representative may consent on behalf of the resident. For  
12 purposes of this subsection, a resident affirmatively objects  
13 when the resident orally, visually, or through the use of  
14 auxiliary aids or services declines electronic monitoring. The  
15 resident's response shall be documented on the notification and  
16 consent form.

17     2. Prior to a resident representative consenting on behalf  
18 of a resident, the resident shall be asked if the resident  
19 wants electronic monitoring to be conducted. The resident  
20 representative shall explain all of the following to the  
21 resident:

22     *a.* The type of electronic monitoring device to be used.

23     *b.* The standard conditions or restrictions that may be  
24 placed on the electronic monitoring device's use including as  
25 specified in the list of standard conditions or restrictions  
26 contained in the notification and consent form completed by the  
27 resident as provided in section 135C.53.

28     *c.* The dissemination and use of any recording as provided  
29 under section 135C.57 or 135C.58.

30     *d.* The resident's ability to decline all recordings.

31     3. A resident, or resident representative when consenting  
32 on behalf of the resident, may consent to electronic monitoring  
33 with any conditions or restrictions of the resident's or  
34 resident representative's choosing, including the list  
35 of standard conditions or restrictions contained in the

1 notification and consent form completed by the resident  
2 as provided in section 135C.53. A resident, or resident  
3 representative when consenting on behalf of the resident, may  
4 request that the electronic monitoring device be turned off  
5 or the visual or audio recording component of the electronic  
6 monitoring device be blocked at any time.

7 4. Prior to implementing electronic monitoring, a resident,  
8 or resident representative when acting on behalf of the  
9 resident, shall obtain the written consent on the notification  
10 and consent form of any other resident who is a roommate  
11 residing in the shared room. A roommate's or roommate's  
12 resident representative's written consent shall comply with  
13 the requirements of this section. Consent by a roommate or  
14 a roommate's resident representative under this subsection  
15 authorizes the resident's use of any recording obtained under  
16 this section as provided under sections 135C.57 and 135C.58.

17 5. Any resident conducting electronic monitoring shall  
18 immediately remove or disable an electronic monitoring device  
19 prior to a new resident who will be a roommate moving into  
20 a shared room, unless the resident conducting electronic  
21 monitoring obtains the new roommate's or new roommate's  
22 resident representative's written consent as provided under  
23 this section prior to the new roommate moving into the shared  
24 room. Upon obtaining the new roommate's or new roommate's  
25 resident representative's signed notification and consent form  
26 and submitting the form to the nursing facility as required  
27 under section 135C.52, the resident may resume electronic  
28 monitoring.

29 6. The resident or roommate, or the resident representative  
30 or roommate's resident representative if the representative is  
31 consenting on behalf of the resident or roommate, may withdraw  
32 consent at any time and the withdrawal of consent shall be  
33 documented on the original consent form as provided under  
34 section 135C.52.

35 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 135C.51 Refusal of roommate to

1 **consent.**

2 If a resident of a nursing facility who is residing in a  
3 shared room, or the resident representative of such a resident  
4 when acting on behalf of the resident, wants to conduct  
5 electronic monitoring and another resident living in or moving  
6 into the same shared room refuses to consent to the use of an  
7 electronic monitoring device, the nursing facility shall make  
8 a reasonable attempt to accommodate the resident who wants to  
9 conduct electronic monitoring. A nursing facility has met  
10 the requirement to make a reasonable attempt to accommodate  
11 a resident or resident representative who wants to conduct  
12 electronic monitoring when, upon notification that a roommate  
13 has not consented to the use of an electronic monitoring device  
14 in the resident's room, the nursing facility offers to move one  
15 of the residents to another shared room that is available at  
16 the time of the request that accommodates the resident. If  
17 a resident chooses to reside in a private room in order to  
18 accommodate the use of an electronic monitoring device, the  
19 resident shall be subject to a private room rate. If a nursing  
20 facility is unable to accommodate a resident due to lack of  
21 space, the nursing facility shall reevaluate the request  
22 periodically until the request is fulfilled.

23 **Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 135C.52 Notice and consent form**  
24 **submitted to nursing facility.**

25 1. Electronic monitoring may begin only after the resident  
26 or resident representative who intends to place an electronic  
27 monitoring device in the resident's room and any roommate or  
28 roommate's resident representative completes a notification and  
29 consent form and submits the form to the nursing facility.

30 2. Upon receipt of the required, completed notification and  
31 consent form, the nursing facility shall place the original  
32 form in the resident's file, and a copy of the form in any  
33 roommate's file. The nursing facility shall provide a copy to  
34 the resident and the resident's roommate, as applicable.

35 3. If a resident or roommate, or the resident representative

1 or roommate's resident representative if the representative  
2 is consenting on behalf of the resident or roommate, chooses  
3 to alter the conditions under which consent to electronic  
4 monitoring is given or chooses to withdraw consent to  
5 electronic monitoring, the nursing facility shall make  
6 available the original notification and consent form so that  
7 the original form may be updated. Upon receipt of the updated  
8 original form, the nursing facility shall place the updated  
9 original form in the resident's file. The nursing facility  
10 shall provide a copy of the updated form to the resident and  
11 the resident's roommate, as applicable.

12 4. If a new roommate, or the new roommate's resident  
13 representative when consenting on behalf of the new roommate,  
14 does not consent to electronic monitoring and submit a  
15 completed notification and consent form to the nursing  
16 facility, and the resident conducting the electronic monitoring  
17 does not remove or disable an existing electronic monitoring  
18 device, the nursing facility shall remove the electronic  
19 monitoring device.

20 5. If a roommate, or the roommate's resident representative  
21 when withdrawing consent on behalf of the roommate, submits  
22 an updated notification and consent form withdrawing consent  
23 and the resident conducting electronic monitoring does not  
24 remove or disable the electronic monitoring device, the nursing  
25 facility shall remove the electronic monitoring device.

26 **Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. 135C.53 Notification and consent form**  
27 **requirements.**

28 1. The notification and consent form completed by the  
29 resident shall include, at a minimum, all of the following  
30 information:

31 a. The resident's signed consent to electronic monitoring or  
32 the signature of the resident representative, if applicable.  
33 If a resident representative signs the consent form, the form  
34 shall document all of the following:

35 (1) The date the resident was asked if the resident wants

1 electronic monitoring to be conducted.

2 (2) Any person present when the resident was asked.

3 (3) An acknowledgment that the resident did not  
4 affirmatively object.

5 (4) The source of authority allowing the resident  
6 representative to sign the notification and consent form on the  
7 resident's behalf.

8 *b.* The resident's roommate's signed consent or the signature  
9 of the roommate's resident representative, if applicable. If a  
10 roommate's resident representative signs the consent form, the  
11 form shall document all of the following:

12 (1) The date the roommate was asked if the roommate wants  
13 electronic monitoring to be conducted.

14 (2) Any person present when the roommate was asked.

15 (3) An acknowledgment that the roommate did not  
16 affirmatively object.

17 (4) The source of authority allowing the resident  
18 representative to sign the notification and consent form on the  
19 roommate's behalf.

20 *c.* The type of electronic monitoring device to be used.

21 *d.* Any installation needs, such as mounting of a device to  
22 a wall or ceiling.

23 *e.* The proposed date of installation for scheduling  
24 purposes.

25 *f.* A copy of any contract for maintenance of the electronic  
26 monitoring device by a commercial entity.

27 *g.* A list of standard conditions or restrictions that the  
28 resident or a roommate may elect to place on the use of the  
29 electronic monitoring device including but not limited to all  
30 of the following:

31 (1) Prohibiting audio recording.

32 (2) Prohibiting video recording.

33 (3) Prohibiting broadcasting of audio or video.

34 (4) Turning off the electronic monitoring device or  
35 blocking the visual recording component of the electronic

1 monitoring device for the duration of an exam or procedure by a  
2 health care professional.

3 (5) Turning off the electronic monitoring device or  
4 blocking the visual recording component of the electronic  
5 monitoring device while dressing or bathing is performed.

6 (6) Turning off the electronic monitoring device for  
7 the duration of a visit with a spiritual adviser, ombudsman,  
8 attorney, financial planner, intimate partner, or other  
9 visitor.

10 *h.* Any other condition or restriction elected by the  
11 resident or roommate on the use of an electronic monitoring  
12 device.

13 *i.* A statement of the circumstances under which a recording  
14 may be disseminated under section 135C.57.

15 *j.* A signature box to document if the resident or roommate  
16 withdraws consent.

17 2. A nursing facility shall make the notification and  
18 consent form available to the residents and inform residents of  
19 the option to conduct electronic monitoring of the resident's  
20 room.

21 **Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. 135C.54 Cost and installation.**

22 1. A resident who chooses to conduct electronic monitoring  
23 shall do so at the resident's own expense, including payment of  
24 any purchase, installation, maintenance, and removal costs.

25 2. If a resident chooses to place an electronic monitoring  
26 device that uses internet technology for visual or audio  
27 monitoring, the resident may be responsible for contracting  
28 with an internet service provider.

29 3. The nursing facility shall make a reasonable attempt  
30 to accommodate the resident's installation needs, including  
31 allowing access to the nursing facility's public-use internet  
32 or wi-fi systems when available for other public uses.

33 4. All electronic monitoring device installations and  
34 supporting services shall comply with the requirements of the  
35 national fire protection association 101 life safety code.

1 5. A nursing facility shall not charge a resident a fee  
2 for the costs of electricity used by the electronic monitoring  
3 device.

4 Sec. 8. NEW SECTION. 135C.55 Notice to visitors.

5 1. A nursing facility shall post a sign at each nursing  
6 facility entrance accessible to visitors that states  
7 "Electronic monitoring devices may be present in the rooms of  
8 residents to record persons and activities".

9 2. A nursing facility shall post a sign clearly and  
10 conspicuously at the entrance to a resident's room where  
11 electronic monitoring is being conducted. The notice shall  
12 state "This room is electronically monitored".

13 3. The nursing facility is responsible for installing and  
14 maintaining the signage required in this section.

15 Sec. 9. NEW SECTION. 135C.56 Obstruction of electronic  
16 monitoring devices.

17 1. A person shall not knowingly hamper, obstruct, tamper  
18 with, or destroy an electronic monitoring device placed in  
19 a resident's room without the permission of the resident or  
20 resident representative.

21 2. A person shall not knowingly hamper, obstruct, tamper  
22 with, or destroy a video or audio recording obtained through  
23 the use of an electronic monitoring device in accordance with  
24 this subchapter.

25 3. It is not a violation of this section for a person to  
26 turn off the electronic monitoring device or block the visual  
27 recording component of the electronic monitoring device at the  
28 direction of the resident or resident representative, or if  
29 consent has been withdrawn.

30 4. A person who violates this section is guilty of a serious  
31 misdemeanor.

32 Sec. 10. NEW SECTION. 135C.57 Dissemination of recordings.

33 1. A person shall not access any video or audio recording  
34 created through electronic monitoring under this subchapter  
35 without the written consent of the resident or resident



1 representative.

2 2. Except as otherwise required by law, a recording or copy  
3 of a recording created as provided in this subchapter may only  
4 be disseminated for the purpose of addressing health, safety,  
5 or welfare concerns of a resident.

6 3. A person accessing or disseminating a recording or copy  
7 of a recording created as provided in this section in violation  
8 of this section is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

9 Sec. 11. NEW SECTION. 135C.58 **Admissibility of evidence.**

10 Subject to applicable rules of evidence and procedure, any  
11 video or audio recording created through electronic monitoring  
12 under this subchapter may be admitted into evidence in a civil,  
13 criminal, or administrative proceeding if the contents of the  
14 recording have not been edited or artificially enhanced and the  
15 recording includes the date and time the events occurred.

16 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION. 135C.59 **Liability — penalties.**

17 1. A nursing facility is not civilly or criminally liable  
18 for the disclosure of a recording by a resident or a person who  
19 consents on behalf of a resident for any purpose not authorized  
20 by this subchapter.

21 2. A nursing facility is not civilly or criminally liable  
22 for a violation of a resident's right to privacy arising out  
23 of any electronic monitoring conducted in accordance and in  
24 compliance with this subchapter.

25 3. A nursing facility that knowingly violates this  
26 subchapter shall be subject to licensee discipline.

27 Sec. 13. NEW SECTION. 135C.60 **Resident protections.**

28 1. A nursing facility shall not do any of the following:

29 a. Refuse to admit a potential resident or remove a resident  
30 because the nursing facility disagrees with the potential  
31 resident's or the resident's decisions regarding electronic  
32 monitoring, whether the decision is made by a resident or a  
33 resident representative acting on behalf of the resident.

34 b. Retaliate or discriminate against any resident for  
35 consenting or refusing to consent to electronic monitoring.

1 c. Prevent the placement or use of an electronic monitoring  
2 device by a resident who has provided the nursing facility  
3 with the notification and consent form as required under this  
4 subchapter.

5 2. Any contractual provision prohibiting, limiting,  
6 or otherwise modifying the rights and obligations in this  
7 subchapter is contrary to public policy and is void and  
8 unenforceable.

9 Sec. 14. NEW SECTION. 135C.61 Report to department.

10 A nursing facility shall report to the department, in a  
11 manner prescribed by the department, the number of electronic  
12 monitoring device notification and consent forms received by  
13 the nursing facility on an annual basis.

14 Sec. 15. DIRECTIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS AND  
15 APPEALS. The department of inspections and appeals shall  
16 prescribe by rule pursuant to chapter 17A the notification and  
17 consent form described in this division of this Act, and shall  
18 make the form available on the department's internet site.

19 Sec. 16. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor may codify  
20 the provisions of this division of this Act as a new subchapter  
21 of chapter 135C entitled "Electronic Monitoring".

22 DIVISION II

23 NETWORK PROVIDER PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS>

24 2. Title page, line 1, after <to> by inserting <health  
25 care and health facilities including electronic monitoring in  
26 nursing facilities and>

27 3. Title page, line 2, after <care> by inserting <, and  
28 providing penalties>

29 4. By renumbering as necessary.

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