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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to health care provider identification tags and
2 authorizing a penalty.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 147.162 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
2 IDENTIFICATION BADGES.

3 1. As used in this section:

4 a. "Health care provider" means individuals licensed or
5 certified as identified in section 135.61, subsection 10, and
6 in addition students, instructors, and volunteers having
7 contact with patients or clients in a health care setting.

8 b. "Health care setting" means an institutional health
9 facility as defined in section 135.61, subsection 14, and in
10 addition any health-related establishment or service,
11 including physician clinics and office and in-home care
12 services, involving contact with patients or clients.

13 2. All health care providers, when having contact with
14 patients or clients, shall identify themselves through the use
15 of clearly visible name tags or badges. Each tag or badge
16 shall display identifying information concerning the identity
17 of the health care provider, including the provider's name,
18 profession, and title. Failure to wear an identification tag
19 or badge when having contact with patients or clients in a
20 health care setting constitutes unprofessional conduct subject
21 to a penalty as established by rule of the health care
22 provider's examining board.

23 3. The department shall establish a prototype tag or badge
24 for use as an example where health care providers have not
25 previously developed an identification tag or badge containing
26 substantially the same information as that required by this
27 section. The cost of developing an identification tag or
28 badge, and the determination of the particular form and style,
29 shall be the responsibility of the individual health care
30 provider and their employer or professional society or
31 organization.

32 4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
33 17A to administer this section.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill requires that health care providers in contact

1 with patients or clients wear identification tags or badges
2 containing information concerning the health care provider's
3 name, profession, and title. Failure to wear the
4 identification tag or badge while providing health care
5 services involving patient or client contact constitutes
6 unprofessional conduct subject to penalty as established by
7 rule. The department of public health shall develop a
8 prototype tag or badge, but the responsibility for developing
9 and financing the cost of the actual tags or badges, and their
10 form and style where similar tags or badges are not already in
11 existence, rests with the health care provider's employer or
12 professional society or organization.

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