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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring an assessment of eligibility for certain third-  
2 party payor funding of health care facility services by  
3 licensed health care facilities.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135C.31A ASSESSMENT OF RESIDENTS  
2 -- PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY.

3 1. A licensed health care facility shall determine, prior  
4 to initial admission of a resident, the prospective resident's  
5 eligibility for benefits through the United States department  
6 of veterans affairs. The health care facility shall also  
7 determine the eligibility of any residents residing in the  
8 facility if a determination was not made prior to a resident's  
9 admission to the health care facility. The health care  
10 facility shall report any information collected to the Iowa  
11 commission of veterans affairs.

12 2. The department shall require as a condition of renewal  
13 of licensure under this chapter that a health care facility  
14 provide accurate documentation of compliance with this  
15 section.

16 3. The department shall adopt rules to implement and  
17 administer this section.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill requires that a licensed health care facility  
20 determine, prior to initial admission of a resident, the  
21 prospective resident's eligibility for benefits through the  
22 United States department of veterans affairs. The bill also  
23 requires that the health care facility determine the  
24 eligibility of current residents if a determination was not  
25 made prior to a resident's admission. Under the bill, the  
26 health care facility is to report any information collected to  
27 the Iowa commission of veterans affairs. The bill also  
28 provides that as a condition of renewal of licensure of a  
29 health care facility, the health care facility is to provide  
30 accurate documentation of compliance with the requirements of  
31 the bill.

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