

**House File 482 - Introduced**

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BY MEYER

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning rules requiring hospitals to establish  
2 protocols regarding certain veterans seeking mental health  
3 services and treatment.

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

1 Section 1. Section 135B.7, Code 2017, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The department shall also adopt rules  
4 requiring hospitals to establish and implement protocols for  
5 providing transitional care for up to twenty-four hours for  
6 needs of patients who are veterans, as defined in section 35.1,  
7 who are seeking mental health services or treatment and who may  
8 be at risk for causing harm to themselves or others without  
9 such transitional care.

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EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill requires the department of inspections and appeals  
14 to adopt rules requiring hospitals to establish protocols for  
15 providing transitional care for up to 24 hours for needs of  
16 patients who are veterans and who may be at risk of causing  
17 harm to themselves or others.