

Senate File 2327 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3111)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the elimination of the hospital licensing
2 board, and providing for repeals.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135B.5, subsection 1, Code 2020, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Upon receipt of an application for license and the
4 license fee, the department shall issue a license if the
5 applicant and hospital facilities comply with **this chapter**,
6 chapter 135, and the rules of the department. Each licensee
7 shall receive annual reapproval upon payment of five hundred
8 dollars and upon filing of an application form which is
9 available from the department. The annual licensure fee shall
10 be dedicated to support and provide educational programs on
11 regulatory issues for hospitals licensed under **this chapter** ~~in~~
12 ~~consultation with the hospital licensing board~~. Licenses shall
13 be either general or restricted in form. Each license shall be
14 issued only for the premises and persons or governmental units
15 named in the application and is not transferable or assignable
16 except with the written approval of the department. Licenses
17 shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises
18 as prescribed by rule of the department.

19 Sec. 2. Section 135B.7, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
20 2020, is amended to read as follows:

21 a. The department, with the ~~advice and approval of the~~
22 ~~hospital licensing board and~~ approval of the state board of
23 health, shall adopt rules setting out the standards for the
24 different types of hospitals to be licensed under **this chapter**.
25 The department shall enforce the rules.

26 Sec. 3. REPEAL. Sections 135B.10 and 135B.11, Code 2020,
27 are repealed.

28 EXPLANATION

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

31 This bill relates to the elimination of the hospital
32 licensing board. The current duties of the hospital licensing
33 board, which is comprised of six individual appointed by the
34 governor, include consulting with and advising the department
35 of public health (DPH) in matters of policy affecting the

1 administration of Code chapter 135B (licensure and regulation
2 of hospitals), developing rules and standards provided for
3 under Code chapter 135B, and reviewing and approving rules and
4 standards authorized under Code chapter 135B prior to their
5 approval by the state board of health and adoption by the
6 department.

7 The bill eliminates the hospital licensing board and
8 provides that DPH, with the approval of the state board of
9 health, shall adopt rules setting out the standards for the
10 different types of hospitals to be licensed.