

House Study Bill 578 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
INSPECTIONS, APPEALS, AND
LICENSING BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the inspection obligations of the department
2 of inspections, appeals, and licensing associated with
3 asbestos and hotel sanitation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 88B.3, subsection 4, Code 2024, is
2 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
3 thereof the following:

4 4. The department shall conduct an on-site inspection upon
5 a complaint, referral, injury, accident, or media notification,
6 or in case of imminent danger.

7 Sec. 2. Section 137C.12, Code 2024, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **137C.12 Inspection upon complaint.**

10 Upon receipt of a verified complaint signed by a guest
11 of a hotel and stating facts indicating the place is in an
12 insanitary condition, the regulatory authority shall conduct
13 an inspection. The inspector may enter the hotel at any
14 reasonable hour to make the inspection. The management shall
15 afford free access to every part of the premises and render all
16 aid and assistance necessary to enable the inspector to make a
17 thorough and complete inspection.

18 Sec. 3. REPEAL. Section 137C.11, Code 2024, is repealed.

19 EXPLANATION

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

22 This bill strikes the requirement that the department
23 of inspections, appeals, and licensing (DIAL) conduct an
24 annual inspection of a business entity permitted to remove or
25 encapsulate asbestos, and instead requires DIAL to inspect such
26 entities upon complaints, referrals, injuries, accidents, or
27 media notifications, or in case of imminent danger.

28 The bill also repeals the requirement that DIAL or a local
29 board of health conduct biennial sanitation inspections of all
30 hotels in Iowa. The bill moves certain provisions associated
31 with inspections from the repealed provision to the provision
32 requiring DIAL to inspect a hotel upon receiving a complaint.