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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the submission and posting of hospital  
2 policies.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135B.36 Hospital policies —  
2 submission to department — posting.

3 1. A hospital licensed under this chapter shall no later  
4 than September 1, 2023, submit to the department its policies  
5 related to all of the following:

- 6 a. Admission.
- 7 b. Nondiscrimination.
- 8 c. Reproductive health care.

9 2. The department shall post a copy of the policies received  
10 under subsection 1 on the department's internet site.

11 3. If a hospital makes changes or additions to any of the  
12 policies specified under subsection 1, the hospital shall  
13 submit a copy of the changed or added policy to the department  
14 within thirty days after the hospital approves the change or  
15 addition.

16 4. A hospital shall post a copy of the policies provided  
17 under subsection 1 on the hospital's internet site where  
18 the policies are readily accessible to the public, without  
19 requiring a login credential or other restriction.

20 Sec. 2. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor may  
21 designate section 135B.36, as enacted in this Act, as a new  
22 subchapter within chapter 135B, entitled "submission and  
23 posting of hospital policies".

24 EXPLANATION

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

27 This bill requires a licensed hospital, no later than  
28 September 1, 2023, to submit to the department of inspections  
29 and appeals (DIA) its policies related to admission,  
30 nondiscrimination, and reproductive health care. DIA shall  
31 post a copy of the policies received on the department's  
32 internet site. If a hospital makes changes or additions to  
33 any of the policies, the hospital shall submit a copy of  
34 the changed or added policy to DIA within 30 days after the  
35 hospital approves the change or addition. A hospital shall

1 post a copy of the policies on the hospital's internet site  
2 where the policies are readily accessible to the public without  
3 requiring a login credential or other restriction.