

**CHAPTER 243**  
**SUBSTANCE ABUSE**  
*H.F. 344*

**AN ACT** relating to the substance abuse law.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 125.7, subsection 3, Code 1989, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 2. Section 125.13, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

a. ~~Hospitals~~ A hospital providing care or treatment to substance abusers required to have a license licensed under chapter 135B which is accredited by the joint commission on the accreditation of health care organizations, the commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities, the American Osteopathic Association, or another recognized organization approved by the commission. All survey reports from the accrediting or licensing body must be sent to the department.

Sec. 3. Section 125.14, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

125.14 LICENSES — RENEWAL — FEES.

The commission shall meet to consider all cases involving issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license. The department shall issue a license to an applicant who the commission determines meets the licensing requirements of this chapter. Licenses shall expire no later than two years from the date of issuance and shall be renewed upon timely application made in the same manner as for original issuance of a license unless notice of nonrenewal is given to the licensee at least thirty days prior to the expiration of the license. The department shall not charge a fee for licensing or renewal of programs contracting with the department for provision of treatment services. A fee may be charged to other licensees.

Sec. 4. Section 125.44, unnumbered paragraph 4, Code 1989, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph.

Sec. 5. Section 125.44, unnumbered paragraph 5, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

The substance abuser is legally liable to the facility for the total amount of the cost of providing care, maintenance, and treatment for the substance abuser while a voluntary or committed patient in a facility. ~~The substance abuser shall assign any claim for reimbursement under any contract of indemnity, by insurance or otherwise, providing for the abuser's care, maintenance, and treatment in the facility to the department.~~ This section does not prohibit any individual from paying any portion of the cost of treatment.

Sec. 6. Section 125.8, Code 1989, is repealed.

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