

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1533

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising provisions for inspection of hospitals.

Sponsors: By Representatives Appleton, Bailey, Cody, Morrell, Skinner, Hinkle, Curtis and Campbell; by request of Department of Health.

House Committee on Health Care

House Committee on Appropriations

Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

Background:

The Department of Health (Department) must conduct annual inspections of hospitals, unless the hospital has been inspected within the previous year by either the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or the American Osteopathic Association. The Department is required to coordinate hospital inspection activities with other agencies, including the Department of Social and Health Services and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, to minimize the number of separate inspections that must be conducted.

Summary:

The requirement that the Department conduct inspections of hospitals every 12 months is extended to an average of every 18 months. Surveys conducted by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or the American Osteopathic Association may substitute for a Department survey as long as their standards are substantially equivalent to those of the Department. The hospital is responsible for notifying the Department within 30 days of an accreditation inspection and making the inspection report available to the Department.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	0	
Senate	44	0	(Senate amended)
House	95	0	(House concurred)

Effective: July 24, 2005