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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1577

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1577 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by
5 changing Section 6.25 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/6.25)

7 Sec. 6.25. Safe patient handling policy.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Health care worker" means an individual providing direct
10 patient care services who may be required to lift, transfer,
11 reposition, or move a patient.

12 "Nurse" means an advanced practice nurse, a registered
13 nurse, or a licensed practical nurse licensed under the Nurse
14 Practice Act.

15 "Safe lifting equipment and accessories" means mechanical
16 equipment designed to lift, move, reposition, and transfer

1 patients, including, but not limited to, fixed and portable
2 ceiling lifts, sit-to-stand lifts, slide sheets and boards,
3 slings, and repositioning and turning sheets.

4 "Safe lifting team" means at least 2 individuals who are
5 trained in the use of both safe lifting techniques and safe
6 lifting equipment and accessories, including the
7 responsibility for knowing the location and condition of such
8 equipment and accessories.

9 (b) A hospital must adopt and ensure implementation of a
10 policy to identify, assess, and develop strategies to control
11 risk of injury to patients and nurses and other health care
12 workers associated with the lifting, transferring,
13 repositioning, or movement of a patient. The policy shall
14 establish a process that, at a minimum, includes all of the
15 following:

16 (1) Analysis of the risk of injury to patients and
17 nurses and other health care workers posted by the patient
18 handling needs of the patient populations served by the
19 hospital and the physical environment in which the patient
20 handling and movement occurs.

21 (2) Education and training of nurses and other direct
22 patient care providers in the identification, assessment,
23 and control of risks of injury to patients and nurses and
24 other health care workers during patient handling and on
25 safe lifting policies and techniques and current lifting
26 equipment.

1 (3) Evaluation of alternative ways to reduce risks
2 associated with patient handling, including evaluation of
3 equipment and the environment.

4 (4) Restriction, to the extent feasible with existing
5 equipment and aids, of manual patient handling or movement
6 of all or most of a patient's weight except for emergency,
7 life-threatening, or otherwise exceptional circumstances.

8 (5) Collaboration with and an annual report to the
9 nurse staffing committee.

10 (6) Procedures for a nurse to refuse to perform or be
11 involved in patient handling or movement that the nurse in
12 good faith believes will expose a patient or nurse or other
13 health care worker to an unacceptable risk of injury.

14 (7) Submission of an annual report to the hospital's
15 governing body or quality assurance committee on
16 activities related to the identification, assessment, and
17 development of strategies to control risk of injury to
18 patients and nurses and other health care workers
19 associated with the lifting, transferring, repositioning,
20 or movement of a patient.

21 (8) In developing architectural plans for construction
22 or remodeling of a hospital or unit of a hospital in which
23 patient handling and movement occurs, consideration of the
24 feasibility of incorporating patient handling equipment or
25 the physical space and construction design needed to
26 incorporate that equipment.

1 (9) Fostering and maintaining patient safety, dignity,
2 self-determination, and choice, including the following
3 policies, strategies, and procedures:

4 (A) the existence and availability of a trained
5 safe lifting team;

6 (B) a policy of advising patients of a range of
7 transfer and lift options, including adjustable
8 diagnostic and treatment equipment, mechanical lifts,
9 and provision of a trained safe lifting team;

10 (C) the right of a competent patient, or guardian
11 of a patient adjudicated incompetent, to choose among
12 the range of transfer and lift options, subject to the
13 provisions of subparagraph (E) of this paragraph (9);

14 (D) procedures for documenting, upon admission and
15 as status changes, a mobility assessment and plan for
16 lifting, transferring, repositioning, or movement of a
17 patient, including the choice of the patient or
18 patient's guardian among the range of transfer and lift
19 options; and

20 (E) incorporation of such safe lifting procedures,
21 techniques, and equipment as are consistent with
22 applicable federal law.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-389, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)".