



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

**HB4474**

Introduced 2/4/2020, by Rep. Karina Villa

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

110 ILCS 330/8d new  
210 ILCS 85/6.15a new

Refers to the amendatory Act as Marlen's Law. Amends the University of Illinois Hospital Act and the Hospital Licensing Act. Requires hospitals organized or licensed under the Acts to make reasonable efforts to verify that when an infant who is less than 3 months of age is admitted to such a hospital with visible signs of abuse or neglect and was not born at the hospital at least one individual accompanying the infant is the infant's parent or guardian or permitted by the infant's parent or guardian to accompany the infant. Provides that if the hospital is unable to make such a verification, then each individual accompanying the infant must provide a sample of his or her DNA and information sufficient to identify the individual, which shall be kept on file at the hospital. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be referred to as the  
5 Marlen's Law.

6 Section 5. The University of Illinois Hospital Act is  
7 amended by adding Section 8d as follows:

8 (110 ILCS 330/8d new)

9 Sec. 8d. Identification of individual accompanying an  
10 infant.

11 (a) If an infant who is less than 3 months of age is  
12 admitted to the University of Illinois Hospital with visible  
13 signs of abuse or neglect and the infant was not born at the  
14 University of Illinois Hospital, the University of Illinois  
15 Hospital shall make reasonable efforts to verify that at least  
16 one individual accompanying the infant is the infant's parent  
17 or guardian or permitted by the infant's parent or guardian to  
18 accompany the infant.

19 (b) If the University of Illinois Hospital is unable to  
20 make the verification required under subsection (a), then each  
21 individual accompanying the infant must provide the following,  
22 which shall be kept on file at the University of Illinois

1 Hospital:

2 (1) a sample of his or her DNA; and

3 (2) information sufficient to identify the individual.

4 Section 10. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 6.15a as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/6.15a new)

7 Sec. 6.15a. Identification of individual accompanying an  
8 infant.

9 (a) If an infant who is less than 3 months of age is  
10 admitted to a hospital licensed under this Act with visible  
11 signs of abuse or neglect and was not born at the hospital, the  
12 hospital shall make reasonable efforts to verify that at least  
13 one individual accompanying the infant is the infant's parent  
14 or guardian or permitted by the infant's parent or guardian to  
15 accompany the infant.

16 (b) If the hospital is unable to make the verification  
17 required under subsection (a), then each individual  
18 accompanying the infant must provide the following, which shall  
19 be kept on file at the hospital:

20 (1) a sample of his or her DNA; and

21 (2) information sufficient to identify the individual.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.