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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1684

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1684 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.)".