HB3616

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3616

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 85/6.09b new

Amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that within 24 hours after a patient's placement into observation status by a hospital, the hospital shall provide that patient with an oral and written notice that the patient is not admitted to the hospital and is under observation status. Provides that the written notice shall be signed by the patient or the patient's legal representative to acknowledge receipt of the notice. Requires the notice to contain certain information. Effective immediately.

A BILL FOR

1   AN ACT concerning regulation.

2   **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**

3   **represented in the General Assembly:**

4   Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by adding

5   Section 6.09b as follows:

6   (210 ILCS 85/6.09b new)

7   Sec. 6.09b. Patient notice of observation status. Within

8   24 hours after a patient's placement into observation status by

9   a hospital, the hospital shall provide that patient with an

10   oral and written notice that the patient is not admitted to the

11   hospital and is under observation status. The written notice

12   shall be signed by the patient or the patient's legal

13   representative to acknowledge receipt of the written notice and

14   shall include, but not be limited to, the following

15   information:

16   (1) a statement that observation status may affect

17   coverage under the federal Medicare program, the medical

18   assistance program under Article V of the Illinois Public

19   Aid Code, or the patient's insurance policy for the current

20   hospital services, including medications and other

21   pharmaceutical supplies, as well as coverage for any

22   subsequent discharge to a skilled nursing facility or for

23   home and community based care; and

1   (2) a statement that the patient should contact his or

2   her   insurance   provider   to   better   understand   the

3   implications of being placed into observation status.

4   Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

5   becoming law.