

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 574

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE BRADFORD

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1 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

2 "Buffer zone." A zone extending 15 feet from any entrance to
3 a hospital or health care facility in which no person or persons
4 shall knowingly congregate, patrol, picket or demonstrate. This
5 limitation shall not apply to police and public safety officers,
6 fire and rescue personnel or other emergency workers in the
7 course of their official business or to authorized security
8 personnel employees or agents of the hospital, medical office or
9 clinic engaged in assisting patients and other persons to enter
10 or exit the hospital, medical office or clinic.

11 Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 9 and 10

12 (7) All ambulatory surgical facilities shall have a
13 buffer zone.

14 (a.1) Penalty.--A person, firm or corporation who pleads
15 guilty or nolo contendere or is convicted of violating the
16 buffer zone under subsection (a)(7) commits a summary offense
17 and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not
18 less than \$50 for the first offense; a fine of not less than
19 \$150 for a second offense within five years; and a fine of not
20 less than \$300 for a third offense within five years. For fourth
21 and subsequent offenses within five years, the sentence shall be
22 a fine of not less than \$300 or a term of imprisonment of not
23 less than three days, nor more than 30 days, or both. No part of
24 the minimum fine may be suspended or discharged, except upon
25 proof and a finding of indigence by the court. Indigent
26 defendants may pay fines imposed under this section by
27 participation in a court-designated community service program,
28 crediting the commensurate dollar amount of each hour of
29 community service toward payment of the minimum fine owed.