

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1471 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY KASUNIC, MELLOW, BODACK, MUSTO, SCHWARTZ,
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STOUT AND HUGHES, JUNE 8, 1998

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUNE 8, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), entitled "An
2 act relating to health care; prescribing the powers and
3 duties of the Department of Health; establishing and
4 providing the powers and duties of the State Health
5 Coordinating Council, health systems agencies and Health Care
6 Policy Board in the Department of Health, and State Health
7 Facility Hearing Board in the Department of Justice;
8 providing for certification of need of health care providers
9 and prescribing penalties," providing for quality assurance
10 inspections.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known
14 as the Health Care Facilities Act, is amended by adding a
15 section to read:

16 Section 813.1. Quality assurance inspections.

17 Notwithstanding any other inspection performed by the
18 department under this chapter, the department shall on an annual
19 basis conduct random, unannounced inspections of 25% of the
20 licensed facilities within this Commonwealth. The purpose of the
21 inspection shall be to ensure that health care facilities and

1 services continue to meet high quality standards and that all
2 citizens receive the humane, courteous and dignified treatment
3 and the quality care and services to which they are entitled.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.