

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 184 Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY KASUNIC, O'PAKE, COSTA, KITCHEN, LAVALLE, MUSTO, STOUT, RAFFERTY, C. WILLIAMS, LOGAN, BOSCOLA, STACK AND TARTAGLIONE, FEBRUARY 7, 2005

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 7, 2005

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 health care facilities within this Commonwealth. The  
21 purpose of the inspection shall be to ensure that health care

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

5       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.