

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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YOUNGBLOOD AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 9, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 9, 2007

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," further providing for licensure  
10 of health care facilities.

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

13 Section 1. Section 806 of the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130,  
14 No.48), known as the Health Care Facilities Act, is amended by  
15 adding a subsection to read:

16 Section 806. Licensure.

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18 (b.1) Discharge planning.--As a condition of licensure, a  
19 health care facility must develop, implement and administer a  
20 physician-approved discharge plan based on a patient's assessed  
21 needs, regardless of the setting to which the patient is being

1 discharged.

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3 Section 2. The Department of Health shall promulgate  
4 regulations to implement the addition of section 806(b.1) of the  
5 act.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.