
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOSPITALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 321-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

3 "(d) The rules shall [provide]:

4 (1) Provide that the department may conduct inspections
5 and investigations of exempt hospitals to investigate
6 complaints, follow up on adverse accreditation
7 findings, or conduct periodic validation surveys[-];
8 and

9 (2) Require that each hospital holding a license pursuant
10 to this section have, at all times, at least one
11 trained security guard or off-duty law enforcement
12 officer working as a security guard positioned at each
13 entrance to the hospital, including emergency room
14 entrances; provided that each trained security guard
15 or off-duty law enforcement officer working as a
16 security guard shall be trained, to the satisfaction
17 of the department, in the use of weapons, defensive



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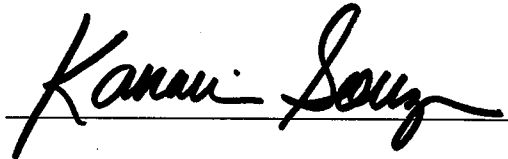
1 tactics, de-escalation techniques, appropriate
2 physical restraint techniques, crisis intervention,
3 and trauma-informed approaches to identifying and
4 safely addressing situations involving patients,
5 family members, or other persons who pose a risk of
6 harm to themselves or others due to mental illness or
7 substance abuse or who are experiencing a mental
8 health crisis."

9 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

DOH; Hospitals; Security; Licensure

Description:

Directs the Department of Health to include in its rules addressing hospital licensure a requirement that each hospital holding a license from the Department of Health have security personnel in certain locations at all times.

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