

HOUSE BILL No. 1219

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-21-2-15.7.

Synopsis: Newborn infants and hospital requirements. Requires a hospital to implement a policy that establishes protocols for hospital staff to follow concerning transportation of a newborn infant if the hospital is unable to provide the necessary care for the newborn infant to another hospital that can provide the care. Requires a hospital, at the time of preregistration by a pregnant woman for maternity care at the hospital, to disclose to the pregnant woman the levels of care that the hospital is able to provide based on a newborn infant's gestational age.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

Prescott

January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



Introduced

First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-21-2-15.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 15.7. (a) A hospital shall**
4 **implement a policy establishing protocols for hospital staff to**
5 **follow concerning the transportation of a newborn infant if the**
6 **hospital does not have the capability to provide care for the**
7 **newborn infant to another hospital that has the capacity to provide**
8 **the needed care.**
9 **(b) A hospital shall, at the time a pregnant woman preregisters**
10 **with the hospital for maternity care services, disclose to the**
11 **pregnant woman the levels of care that the hospital is capable to**
12 **provide based on the gestational age of a newborn infant.**

