

1 AN ACT relating to pressure sore treatment and prevention.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 216B IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) All health facilities shall follow pressure sore prevention and treatment protocols*
6 *approved by the cabinet to ensure that a person receiving health services:*

7 *(a) Receives adequate supervision and assistive devices to prevent the*
8 *development of pressure sores while on the premises of the facility; and*

9 *(b) Receives necessary treatment and services to promote healing, prevent*
10 *infection, and prevent new sores from developing if a person has pressure*
11 *sores upon entrance to the facility or develops pressure sores while on the*
12 *premises of the facility.*

13 *(2) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations to enforce this section,*
14 *including approved pressure sore prevention and treatment protocols and*
15 *provisions to impose monetary fines for willful violations of this section.*

16 ➔Section 2. Section 1 of this Act may be cited as the Bridget Ann Howard Act or
17 the Bridget Bill.