

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1154

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to discharge planning for homeless patients.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 197, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 197.175, to read as follows:

197.175. 1. Before January 1, 2022, each hospital licensed under this chapter shall adopt a written policy on discharge planning for homeless patients and provide a copy of the policy to all hospital employees.

2. Each hospital's policy shall require the hospital to perform the following actions:

(1) Discharge homeless patients to safe and appropriate locations;

(2) Make appropriate arrangements for the care to be received by homeless patients following discharge;

(3) Coordinate referrals for homeless patients with social service providers in the region in which the hospital is located;

(4) Coordinate services and referrals for homeless patients with any appropriate city and county agencies that provide services for homeless persons;

(5) Offer to every homeless patient, before discharge, the following:

(a) A meal and weather-appropriate clothing;

(b) Screening for infectious diseases; and

(c) Immunizations against any disease if the vaccine is available and medically appropriate for the patient; and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **(6) Transport every homeless patient to his or her discharge destination as long as**
18 **the destination is located no more than thirty miles from the hospital.**

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