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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 198, RSMo, by adding thereto eleven new sections relating to the authorized electronic monitoring in long-term care facilities act, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 198, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto eleven new sections, to  
2 be known as sections 198.610, 198.612, 198.614, 198.616, 198.618, 198.620, 198.622, 198.624,  
3 198.626, 198.628, and 198.630, to read as follows:

**198.610. 1. The provisions of sections 198.610 to 198.630 shall be known and may  
2 be cited as the “Authorized Electronic Monitoring in Long-Term Care Facilities Act”.**

**3 2. For purposes of sections 198.610 to 198.630, the following terms shall mean:**

**4 (1) “Authorized electronic monitoring”, the placement and use of an electronic  
5 monitoring device by a resident in his or her room in accordance with the provisions of  
6 sections 198.610 to 198.630;**

**7 (2) “Department”, the department of health and senior services;**

**8 (3) “Electronic monitoring device”, a surveillance instrument with a fixed position  
9 video camera or an audio recording device, or a combination thereof, that is installed in  
10 a resident’s room under the provisions of sections 198.610 to 198.630 and broadcasts or  
11 records activity or sounds occurring in the room;**

**12 (4) “Facility”, any residential care facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care  
13 facility, or skilled nursing facility;**

**14 (5) “Resident”, a person residing in a facility;**

**15 (6) “Resident’s representative”, a resident’s legal representative.**

**198.612. 1. A resident may be permitted to conduct authorized electronic  
2 monitoring of the resident’s room through the use of electronic monitoring devices placed**

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.

3 in the room under the provisions of sections 198.610 to 198.630 if the facility in which the  
4 resident resides permits electronic monitoring devices in its policies and procedures, and  
5 the electronic monitoring devices comply with the facility's requirements therein.

6 2. Nothing in sections 198.610 to 198.630 shall be construed to allow the use of an  
7 electronic monitoring device to take still photographs or for the nonconsensual interception  
8 of private communications.

9 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a resident, a resident's  
10 representative, or the parent of a resident under eighteen years of age and the facility shall  
11 consent in writing on a notification and consent form prescribed by the department in  
12 order for authorized electronic monitoring to be conducted in the resident's room. If the  
13 resident has not affirmatively objected to the authorized electronic monitoring and the  
14 resident's physician determines that the resident lacks the ability to understand and  
15 appreciate the nature and consequences of electronic monitoring, the following individuals  
16 may consent on behalf of the resident in order of priority:

17 (1) An attorney-in-fact under a durable power of attorney for health care;

18 (2) The resident's representative;

19 (3) The resident's spouse;

20 (4) The resident's parent;

21 (5) The resident's adult child who has the written consent of all other adult children  
22 of the resident to act as the sole decision maker regarding authorized electronic  
23 monitoring; or

24 (6) The resident's adult brother or sister who has the written consent of all other  
25 adult siblings of the resident to act as the sole decision maker regarding authorized  
26 electronic monitoring.

27 4. Prior to another person, other than a resident's representative, consenting on  
28 behalf of a resident eighteen years of age or older in accordance with the provisions of  
29 sections 198.610 to 198.630, the resident shall be asked by that person, in the presence of  
30 a facility employee, if he or she wants authorized electronic monitoring to be conducted.  
31 The person shall explain to the resident:

32 (1) The type of electronic monitoring device to be used;

33 (2) The standard conditions that may be placed on the electronic monitoring  
34 device's use including those listed in subdivision (7) of subsection 2 of section 198.614;

35 (3) With whom the recording may be shared according to section 198.622; and

36 (4) The resident's ability to decline all recording.

38 For the purposes of this subsection, a resident affirmatively objects if he or she orally,  
39 visually, or through the use of auxiliary aids or services declines authorized electronic  
40 monitoring. The resident's response shall be documented on the notification and consent  
41 form.

42 5. A resident or roommate may consent to authorized electronic monitoring with  
43 any conditions of the resident's choosing including, but not limited to, the list of standard  
44 conditions provided in subdivision (7) of subsection 2 of section 198.614. A resident or  
45 roommate may request that the electronic monitoring device be turned off or the visual  
46 recording component of the electronic monitoring device be blocked at any time.

47 6. Prior to the authorized electronic monitoring, a resident shall obtain the written  
48 consent of any other resident residing in the room on the notification and consent form  
49 prescribed by the department. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a  
50 roommate, a roommate's legal representative, or the parent of a roommate under eighteen  
51 years of age shall consent in writing to the authorized electronic monitoring in the  
52 resident's room. If the roommate has not affirmatively objected to the authorized  
53 electronic monitoring in accordance with subsection 4 of this section and the roommate's  
54 physician determines that the roommate lacks the ability to understand and appreciate the  
55 nature and consequences of electronic monitoring, the following individuals may consent  
56 on behalf of the roommate, in order of priority:

57 (1) An attorney-in-fact under a durable power of attorney for health care;

58 (2) The roommate's legal representative;

59 (3) The roommate's spouse;

60 (4) The roommate's parent;

61 (5) The roommate's adult child who has the written consent of all other adult  
62 children of the roommate to act as the sole decision maker regarding authorized electronic  
63 monitoring; or

64 (6) The roommate's adult brother or sister who has the written consent of all other  
65 adult siblings of the roommate to act as the sole decision maker regarding authorized  
66 electronic monitoring.

67 7. Consent by a roommate under subsection 6 of this section authorizes the  
68 resident's use of any recording obtained under sections 198.610 to 198.630 as provided  
69 under section 198.622.

70 8. Any resident previously conducting authorized electronic monitoring shall obtain  
71 consent from any new roommate before the resident may resume authorized electronic  
72 monitoring. If a new roommate does not consent to authorized electronic monitoring and

73 the resident conducting the authorized electronic monitoring does not remove or disable  
74 the electronic monitoring device, the facility may turn off the device.

75 9. Consent may be withdrawn by the resident or roommate at any time, and the  
76 withdrawal of consent shall be documented in the resident's clinical record. If a roommate  
77 withdraws consent and the resident conducting the authorized electronic monitoring does  
78 not remove or disable the electronic monitoring device, the facility may turn off the  
79 electronic monitoring device.

1 198.614. 1. Authorized electronic monitoring may begin only after a notification  
2 and consent form prescribed by the department has been completed and submitted to the  
3 facility, and the facility consents.

4 2. A resident shall notify the facility in writing of his or her intent to install an  
5 electronic monitoring device by providing a completed notification and consent form  
6 prescribed by the department that shall include at minimum the following information:

7 (1) The resident's signed consent to electronic monitoring or the signature of the  
8 person consenting on behalf of the resident in accordance with section 198.612. If a person  
9 other than the resident signs the consent form, the form shall document the following:

10 (a) The date the resident was asked if he or she wants authorized electronic  
11 monitoring to be conducted in accordance with subsection 4 of section 198.612;

12 (b) Who was present when the resident was asked; and

13 (c) An acknowledgment that the resident did not affirmatively object;

14 (2) The resident's roommate's signed consent or the signature of the person  
15 consenting on behalf of the roommate in accordance with section 198.612, if applicable, and  
16 any conditions placed on the roommate's consent. If a person other than the roommate  
17 signs the consent form, the form shall document the following:

18 (a) The date the roommate was asked if he or she wants authorized electronic  
19 monitoring to be conducted in accordance with subsection 4 of section 198.612;

20 (b) Who was present when the roommate was asked; and

21 (c) An acknowledgment that the roommate did not affirmatively object;

22 (3) The type of electronic monitoring device to be used;

23 (4) Any installation needs such as mounting of a device to a wall or ceiling;

24 (5) The proposed date of installation for scheduling purposes;

25 (6) A copy of any contract for maintenance of the electronic monitoring device by  
26 a commercial entity;

27 (7) A list of standard conditions or restrictions that the facility, resident, or  
28 roommate may elect to place on the use of the electronic monitoring device including, but  
29 not limited to:

- 30           **(a) Prohibiting audio recording;**  
31           **(b) Prohibiting broadcasting of audio or video; or**  
32           **(c) Turning off the electronic monitoring device or blocking the visual recording**  
33 **component of the electronic monitoring device for the duration of an exam or procedure**  
34 **by a health care professional; while dressing or bathing is performed; or for the duration**  
35 **of a visit with a spiritual advisor, ombudsman, attorney, financial planner, intimate**  
36 **partner, or other visitor; and**  
37           **(8) Any other condition or restriction elected by the facility, resident, or roommate**  
38 **on the use of an electronic monitoring device.**

39           **3. A copy of the completed notification and consent form shall be placed in the**  
40 **resident's and any roommate's clinical record and a copy shall be provided to the resident**  
41 **and his or her roommate, if applicable.**

42           **4. The department shall prescribe the notification and consent form required in this**  
43 **section no later than sixty days after the effective date of sections 198.610 to 198.630. If the**  
44 **department has not prescribed such a form by that date, the attorney general shall post a**  
45 **notification and consent form on its website for resident use until the department has**  
46 **prescribed the form.**

**198.616. 1. A resident authorized to conduct authorized electronic monitoring shall**  
2 **do so at his or her own expense, including paying purchase, installation, maintenance, and**  
3 **removal costs.**

4           **2. If a resident authorized to conduct authorized electronic monitoring chooses to**  
5 **install an electronic monitoring device that uses internet technology for visual or audio**  
6 **monitoring, such resident is responsible for contracting with an internet service provider.**

7           **3. The electronic monitoring device shall be placed in a conspicuously visible**  
8 **location in the room.**

9           **4. No facility shall charge the resident a fee for the cost of electricity used by an**  
10 **electronic monitoring device.**

11           **5. All electronic monitoring device installations and supporting services shall**  
12 **comply with the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101 Life**  
13 **Safety Code (2015 edition).**

**198.618. 1. If a resident of a facility conducts authorized electronic monitoring, a**  
2 **sign shall be clearly and conspicuously posted at all building entrances accessible to**  
3 **visitors. The notice shall be entitled "Electronic Monitoring" and shall state in large, easy-**  
4 **to-read type: "The rooms of some residents may be monitored electronically by or on**  
5 **behalf of the residents."**

6           **2. A sign shall be clearly and conspicuously posted at the entrance to a resident's**  
7 **room where authorized electronic monitoring is being conducted. The notice shall state**  
8 **in large, easy-to-read type, "This room is electronically monitored."**

9           **3. The facility is responsible for installing and maintaining the signage required in**  
10 **this section.**

**198.620. 1. No person or entity shall knowingly hamper, obstruct, tamper with, or**  
2 **destroy an electronic monitoring device installed in a resident's room without the**  
3 **permission of the resident or the individual who consented on behalf of the resident, and**  
4 **the facility, in accordance with section 198.612.**

5           **2. No person or entity shall knowingly hamper, obstruct, tamper with, or destroy**  
6 **a video or audio recording obtained in accordance with sections 198.610 to 198.630 without**  
7 **the permission of the resident or the individual who consented on behalf of the resident,**  
8 **and the facility, in accordance with section 198.612.**

9           **3. A person or entity that violates this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.**  
10 **A person or entity that violates this section in the commission of or to conceal a**  
11 **misdemeanor offense is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. A person or entity that violates**  
12 **this section in the commission of or to conceal a felony offense is guilty of a class D felony.**

13           **4. It is not a violation of this section if a person or facility turns off the electronic**  
14 **monitoring device or blocks the visual recording component of the electronic monitoring**  
15 **device at the direction of the resident or the person who consented on behalf of the resident**  
16 **in accordance with section 198.612.**

**198.622. 1. No facility shall access any video or audio recording created through**  
2 **authorized electronic monitoring without the written consent of the resident or the person**  
3 **who consented on behalf of the resident, and the facility, in accordance with section**  
4 **198.612.**

5           **2. Except as required under the Freedom of Information Act, a recording or copy**  
6 **of a recording made under sections 198.610 to 198.630 shall only be disseminated for the**  
7 **purpose of addressing concerns relating to the health, safety, or welfare of a resident or**  
8 **residents.**

9           **3. The resident or person who consented on behalf of the resident in accordance**  
10 **with section 198.612 shall provide a copy of any video or audio recording to parties**  
11 **involved in a criminal or administrative proceeding, upon a party's request, if the video**  
12 **or audio recording was made during the time period that the conduct at issue in the**  
13 **proceeding allegedly occurred.**

**198.624. Any individual who has reasonable cause to believe, as a result of any**  
2 **video or audio recording created through authorized electronic monitoring in accordance**

3 with the provisions of sections 198.610 to 198.630, that a resident has been the victim of a  
4 sexual assault shall report such suspected assault to a local law enforcement entity and  
5 provide such entity with a copy of the video or audio recording. Subject to applicable rules  
6 of evidence and procedure, any video or audio recording created through authorized  
7 electronic monitoring in accordance with the provisions of sections 198.610 to 198.630 may  
8 be admitted into evidence in a civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding if the contents  
9 of the recording have not been edited or artificially enhanced and the video recording  
10 includes the date and time the events occurred.

198.626. Each facility shall report to the department, in a manner prescribed by the  
2 department, the number of authorized electronic monitoring notification and consent  
3 forms received annually. The department shall report the total number of authorized  
4 electronic monitoring notification and consent forms received from facilities to the attorney  
5 general annually.

198.628. 1. No facility shall be civilly or criminally liable for the inadvertent or  
2 intentional disclosure of a recording by a resident or a person who consents on behalf of  
3 the resident for any purpose not authorized by sections 198.610 to 198.630. Nothing in  
4 sections 198.610 to 198.630 shall permit or authorize a resident to use any device that in  
5 any way violates any other state or federal law or regulation.

6 2. No facility shall be civilly or criminally liable for a violation of a resident's right  
7 to privacy arising out of any electronic monitoring conducted under sections 198.610 to  
8 198.630.

9 3. The department shall promulgate rules to adopt the form described in subsection  
10 2 of section 198.614. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section  
11 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective  
12 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if  
13 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of  
14 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay  
15 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held  
16 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted  
17 after August 28, 2018, shall be invalid and void.

198.630. No person shall:

2 (1) Intentionally retaliate or discriminate against any resident for consenting to  
3 authorized electronic monitoring under sections 198.610 to 198.630; or

4 (2) Prevent the installation or use of an electronic monitoring device by a resident  
5 who has received authorization from the facility with notice and consent as required under  
6 section 198.614 that otherwise meets the requirements of sections 198.610 to 198.630.

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