

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

HB 2566 requires every long-term care facility in the state to provide reasonable access to a resident through family, compassionate caregivers, or the Oklahoma Long Term Care Ombudsman to withdraw consent at any time. Such facilities must also provide reasonable access to a resident by health care providers who are contracted with the facility to withdraw such consent. The measure directs long-term care facilities to include and submit to the State Department of Health in their emergency-preparedness plan procedures for visitation during an emergency. The visitation plan shall be made available by the facility to contracted health care providers, family members, essential support persons, and compassionate caregivers upon request. Long-term care facilities are prohibited from unilaterally eliminating visitation for any reason. The measure provides that visitation may be suspended for a period not to exceed 72 hours based upon the emergency-preparedness plan provided to the State Department of Health.

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