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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-415; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 36-415, to read:

4 36-415. Hospital admissions; proof of citizenship, legal
5 residence or lawful presence; immunity

6 A. BEFORE A HOSPITAL ADMITS A PERSON FOR NONEMERGENCY CARE, A HOSPITAL
7 ADMISSIONS OFFICER MUST CONFIRM THAT THE PERSON IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED
8 STATES, A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE
9 UNITED STATES. THE ADMISSIONS OFFICER MAY USE ANY METHOD PRESCRIBED IN
10 SECTION 1-501 TO VERIFY CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL STATUS.

11 B. IF THE ADMISSIONS OFFICER DETERMINES THAT THE PERSON DOES NOT MEET
12 THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, THE ADMISSIONS OFFICER MUST
13 CONTACT THE LOCAL FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

14 C. IF THE HOSPITAL PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PURSUANT TO FEDERAL
15 REQUIREMENTS TO A PERSON WHO DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A
16 OF THIS SECTION, ON SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF THE PATIENT THE ADMISSIONS
17 OFFICER MUST CONTACT THE LOCAL FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

18 D. A HOSPITAL THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IS
19 NOT SUBJECT TO CIVIL LIABILITY.