

House Engrossed
hospitals; visitation

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL 2575

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-407.01; 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
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-407.01, to read:

4 36-407.01. Hospitals; visitation; religious purposes;
5 definition

6 A. A HOSPITAL'S VISITATION POLICY MUST FACILITATE THE ABILITY OF
7 CLERGY TO VISIT PATIENTS FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES, INCLUDING DURING A
8 PANDEMIC. IN AN END-OF-LIFE SITUATION, A HOSPITAL MUST FACILITATE
9 IN-PERSON CLERGY VISITATION REGARDLESS OF THE TIME OF DAY. CLERGY MUST
10 COMPLY WITH REASONABLE HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IMPOSED BY HOSPITALS
11 IN CONNECTION WITH CLERGY VISITATION.

12 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CLERGY VISITATION" OR "VISIT"
13 INCLUDES A VIRTUAL VISIT USING COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY.

14 Sec. 2. Emergency

15 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
16 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
17 law.