

Senate Engrossed House Bill

hospitals; visitation

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-fifth Legislature
First Regular Session
2021

CHAPTER 321
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 A HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF ITS VISITATION POLICY TO A
6 PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE. IF A HOSPITAL'S VISITATION
7 POLICY ALLOWS IN-PERSON VISITATION OF ANY KIND AND IF AUTHORIZED BY THE
8 PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE, THE HOSPITAL MUST FACILITATE THE
9 ABILITY OF CLERGY TO VISIT THE PATIENT IN PERSON FOR RELIGIOUS
10 PURPOSES. CLERGY MUST COMPLY WITH REASONABLE HEALTH AND SAFETY
11 PRECAUTIONS IMPOSED BY HOSPITALS IN CONNECTION WITH IN-PERSON VISITATION.
12 IF A HOSPITAL'S VISITATION POLICY DOES NOT ALLOW IN-PERSON VISITATION OF
13 ANY KIND AT ALL TIMES OR TEMPORARILY FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS, THE
14 HOSPITAL MUST FACILITATE A VIRTUAL CLERGY VISIT USING COMMUNICATION
15 TECHNOLOGY.

16 (EMERGENCY NOT ENACTED)

17 Sec. 2. Emergency

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

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 05, 2021.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 05, 2021.