

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# SENATE BILL NO. 1155

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR STOUFFER.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 197.291, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the technical advisory committee on the quality of patient care and nursing practices.

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

Section A. Section 197.291, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 197.291, to read as follows:

197.291. 1. There is hereby established a "Technical Advisory Committee  
2 on the Quality of Patient Care and Nursing Practices" within the department of  
3 health and senior services. The committee shall be comprised of nine members  
4 appointed by the director of the department of health and senior services [on or  
5 before December 1, 2000], one of whom shall be a representative of the  
6 department of health and senior services and one of whom shall be a  
7 representative of the general public. In addition, the director shall appoint three  
8 members representing licensed registered nurses from a list of recommended  
9 appointees provided by the Missouri Nurses Association, one member  
10 representing licensed practical nurses from a list of recommended appointees  
11 provided by the Missouri Licensed Practical Nurses Association, two members  
12 from a list of recommended appointees provided by the Missouri Hospital  
13 Association, and one member representing licensed physicians from a list of  
14 recommended appointees provided by the Missouri State Medical Association.

15 2. The committee shall work with hospitals, nurses, physicians, state  
16 agencies, community groups and academic researchers to develop specific  
17 recommendations related to staffing, improving the quality of patient care, and  
18 insuring the safe and appropriate employment of licensed nurses within hospitals

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

19 and ambulatory surgical centers. The committee shall develop recommendations  
20 and submit an annual report based on such recommendations to the governor,  
21 chairpersons of standing health and appropriations committees of the general  
22 assembly and the department of health and senior services no later than  
23 December thirty-first of each year[, beginning in 2001].

24 3. The department of health and senior services shall provide such  
25 support as the committee members require to aid it in the performance of its  
26 duties.

27 4. Committee members shall not be compensated for their services but  
28 shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
29 performance of their duties.

30 5. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2006] **2011**.

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