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SSB-1079

Human Resources  
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SF/HF 242

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES BILL BY CHAIRPERSON  
REDWINE)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the rules regarding the authentication of  
2 practitioners' verbal orders in hospitals.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. PRACTITIONERS' VERBAL ORDERS IN HOSPITALS. The  
2 department of inspections and appeals shall adopt rules for  
3 hospital services relating to practitioners' verbal orders  
4 that are consistent with and no more restrictive than federal  
5 law and regulation. The rules shall not specify a time period  
6 within which the practitioner issuing the verbal order must  
7 provide a signature, unless federal law and regulation  
8 otherwise require.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill directs the department of inspections and appeals  
11 to adopt rules for hospital services relating to verbal orders  
12 that are consistent with and no more restrictive than federal  
13 law and regulation. The rules are not to specify a time  
14 period within which the practitioner issuing the order must  
15 sign a verbal order, unless the federal rules and regulations  
16 otherwise require.

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FILED FEB 20 '01

SENATE FILE 242  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1079)

Passed Senate <sup>(6.683)</sup> Date 3/19/01 Passed House, Date 4/17/01  
Vote: Ayes 45 Nays 3 Vote: Ayes 74 Nays 24  
Approved April 30, 2001

A BILL FOR

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2 practitioners' verbal orders in hospitals.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 242

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 10A.703 PRACTITIONERS' VERBAL  
2 ORDERS IN HOSPITALS -- RULES.

3 The department shall adopt rules for hospital services  
4 relating to practitioners' verbal orders that require  
5 authentication of a verbal order within a period not to exceed  
6 thirty days following a patient's discharge.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill directs the department of inspections and appeals  
9 to adopt rules for hospital services relating to verbal orders  
10 that require authentication of a verbal order within a period  
11 not to exceed 30 days following a patient's discharge.

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**SENATE FILE 242**

**S-3127**

1 Amend Senate File 242 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 1 through 6, and  
3 inserting the following:  
4 "Section 1. Section 135B.7, Code 2001, is amended  
5 by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:  
6 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The department shall  
7 adopt rules that require hospitals to establish  
8 procedures for authentication of verbal orders by a  
9 practitioner within a period not to exceed thirty days  
10 following a patient's discharge."

By JOHN REDWINE  
MERLIN E. BARTZ

*W/D 3/19/01 (p. 683)*

**S-3127 FILED MARCH 5, 2001**

**SENATE FILE 242**

**S-3185**

1 Amend Senate File 242 as follows:  
2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 1 through 6, and  
3 inserting the following:  
4 "Section 1. Section 135B.7, Code 2001, is amended  
5 by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:  
6 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The department shall  
7 adopt rules that require hospitals to establish  
8 procedures for authentication of medication and  
9 standing orders by a practitioner within a period not  
10 to exceed thirty days following a patient's  
11 discharge."  
12 2. Title page, line 2, by striking the word  
13 "verbal" and inserting the following: "medication and  
14 standing".

By JOHN REDWINE  
MERLIN E. BARTZ

**S-3185 FILED MARCH 19, 2001**

**ADOPTED**

*3/19/01 (p. 683)*



1 Section 1. Section 135B.7, Code 2001, is amended by adding  
2 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The department shall adopt rules  
4 that require hospitals to establish procedures for  
5 authentication of medication and standing orders by a  
6 practitioner within a period not to exceed thirty days  
7 following a patient's discharge.

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**SENATE FILE 242**

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**H-1561**

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1 Amend Senate File 242, as amended, passed, and  
2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:

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3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 1 through 3, and  
4 inserting the following:

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5 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135B.7A PROCEDURES --  
6 ORDERS.

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7 The department shall adopt rules".

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8 2. Page 1, by inserting after line 7, the  
9 following:

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10 "Sec. \_\_\_\_ . Section 135B.7A is repealed June 30,  
11 2007."

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12 3. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the  
13 word "hospitals" the following: "and providing for a  
14 repeal".

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15 4. By renumbering as necessary.

**By MASCHER of Johnson**

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**H-1561 FILED APRIL 17, 2001**

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*Adopted (p. 1243)*

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Sec. 2. Section 135B.7A is repealed June 30, 2007.

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MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

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BRENT SIEGRIST  
Speaker of the House

SENATE FILE 242

AN ACT  
RELATING TO THE RULES REGARDING THE AUTHENTICATION OF  
PRACTITIONERS' MEDICATION AND STANDING ORDERS IN HOSPITALS  
AND PROVIDING FOR A REPEAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135B.7A PROCEDURES -- ORDERS.

The department shall adopt rules that require hospitals to establish procedures for authentication of medication and standing orders by a practitioner within a period not to exceed thirty days following a patient's discharge.

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 242, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 30, 2001

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor