

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

HB 2687 creates the “No Patient Left Alone Act. The measure provides that each minor or adult admitted to a hospital has the right to have a parent, guardian or person standing in loco parentis who shall have the ability to be present while the minor patient is receiving hospital care. The measure authorizes hospitals to establish visitation policies that limit or restrict visitation under certain circumstances outlined in the measure. Hospitals may require visitors to wear personal protective equipment, provided that any such required equipment shall be provided by the hospital. The measure also prohibits the termination of visitation rights by the hospital, the State Department of Health or any governmental entity, notwithstanding declarations of emergency declared by the Governor or the Legislature.

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