Sec. 20156. (1) A representative of the department or the bureau of fire services created in section 1b of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1b, upon presentation of proper identification, may enter the premises of an applicant or licensee at any reasonable time to determine whether the applicant or licensee meets the requirements of this article and the rules promulgated under this article. The director; the director of the department of health and human services; the bureau of fire services; the director of the office of services to the aging; or the director of a local health department; or an authorized representative of the director, the director of the department of health and human services, the bureau of fire services, the director of the office of services to the aging, or the director of a local health department may enter on the premises of an applicant or licensee under part 217 at any time in the course of carrying out program responsibilities.

(2) The bureau of fire services created in section 1b of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1b, shall enforce rules promulgated by the bureau of fire services for health facilities and agencies to ensure that physical facilities owned, maintained, or operated by a health facility or agency are planned, constructed, and maintained in a manner to protect the health, safety, and welfare of patients.

(3) Beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection, the bureau of fire services shall amend the rules to allow facilities in existence on or before the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection and continuously operating up to the time of application for a home for the aged license to be reviewed and inspected to comply with the provisions of chapter 18 or 19 or chapter 32 or 33 of the National Fire Protection Association standard number 101.

(4) An applicant under subsection (3) shall provide information requested by the department that allows the department to verify that the facility was in existence on or before the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection and has been continuously operating up to the time of application.

(5) The department shall not issue a license or certificate to a health facility or agency until it receives an appropriate certificate of approval from the bureau of fire services. For purposes of this section, a decision of the bureau of fire services to issue a certificate controls over that of a local fire department.

(6) Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) do not apply to a health facility or an agency licensed under part 205 or 209.


Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of the fire marshal division on programs relating to fire safety inspections of adult foster care, correctional, and health care facilities from the department of state police to the department of consumer and industry services, see E.R.O. No. 1997-2, compiled at MCL 29.451 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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