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IN-HOME MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS: AUDIT

House Bill 4255

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Committee: Senior Health, Security and
Retirement

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4255 AS INTRODUCED 2-19-03

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require random audits of health care providers who provide in-home medical care services and who are reimbursed with public dollars. Under "Part 192. Audits" of Article 16 (entitled "In-Home Medical Care") which the bill would create, the Department of Consumer and Industry Services would have to perform an annual, random audit of at least five percent of all health care providers who provide in-home medical care services and who are reimbursed in whole or in part for those services with state or federal funds. The audit would be conducted on financial records, reported accidents, reported cases of misuse of patient funds, and reported cases of patient abuse.

If a home health care provider provided services other than in-home medical care services, the audit would only include those medical services provided in the home. Copies of the audit would have to be provided by the department to the standing committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives with jurisdiction over senior citizens' health issues. Copies would also have to be made available to the public upon request.

"Health care provider" would mean a health professional licensed under Article 15 of the health code, a health professional providing in-home medical care services, a health facility or agency licensed under Article 17 of the code, or a health facility providing in-home medical care services. "Medical care services" would be defined as those services within the scope of practice of physicians licensed and approved by the board. The term would not include those services determined by the board that cannot be delegated without endangering the health and safety of a patient under Sections 17048(3) or 17548(3) of the code.

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