

SENATE BILL No. 1164

April 22, 2004, Introduced by Senator EMERSON and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
 "Public health code,"
 by amending section 21777 (MCL 333.21777).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 21777. (1) If a patient ~~has a temporary absence~~ is
 2 **temporarily absent** from a nursing home for emergency medical
 3 treatment, the nursing home shall hold the bed open for 10 days
 4 for that patient in the patient's absence, if there is a
 5 reasonable expectation that the patient will return within that
 6 period of time and the nursing home receives payment for **each day**
 7 **during the absent period that the nursing home is at 100%**
 8 **occupancy except for any bed being held open under this**
 9 **subsection.**

10 (2) If a patient ~~has a temporary absence~~ is **temporarily**
 11 **absent** from a nursing home for therapeutic reasons as approved by

1 a physician, the nursing home shall hold the bed open for 18
2 days, if there is a reasonable expectation that the patient will
3 return within that period of time and the nursing home receives
4 payment for **each day during** the absent period **that the nursing**
5 **home is at 100% occupancy except for any bed being held open**
6 **under this subsection.** Temporary absences for therapeutic
7 reasons are limited to 18 days per year.

8 (3) When a patient's absence is longer than specified under
9 subsection (1) or (2), or both, the patient has the option to
10 return to the nursing home for the next available bed.

11 (4) For title 19 patients, the ~~department of social~~
12 ~~services~~ **family independence agency** shall continue funding for
13 the temporary absence as provided under subsections (1) and (2).