

CHAPTER 144A

NURSING HOMES

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144A.01 DEFINITIONS.*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1980]*

Subd. 2. "Commissioner of health" means the state commissioner of health established by section 144.011.

*[For text of subds 3 to 9, see M.S.1980]***History:** 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 79**144A.04 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE.***[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1980]*

Subd. 2a. The commissioner shall not adopt any rule unconditionally prohibiting locks on patient room doors in nursing homes. The commissioner may adopt a rule requiring locks to be consistent with the applicable rules enforced by the state fire marshal.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 3a. The commissioner shall not adopt any rule which unconditionally prohibits double beds in a nursing home. The commissioner may adopt rules setting criteria for when double beds will be allowed.

*[For text of subds 4 to 6, see M.S.1980]***History:** 1981 c 23 s 3; 1981 c 24 s 2**144A.08 PHYSICAL STANDARDS; PENALTY.***[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1980]*

Subd. 1a. **Corridor doors.** Nothing in the rules of the commissioner of health shall require that each door entering a sleeping room from a corridor in a nursing home with an approved complete standard automatic fire extinguishing system be constructed or maintained as self-closing or automatically closing.

*[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1980]***History:** 1981 c 360 art 2 s 5**144A.10 INSPECTION; COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH; FINES.***[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1980]*

Subd. 3. **Reports; posting.** After each inspection or reinspection required or authorized by this section, the commissioner of health shall, by certified mail, send copies of any correction order or notice of noncompliance to the nursing home. A copy of each correction order and notice of noncompliance, and copies of any documentation supplied to the commissioner of health or the commissioner of public welfare under sections 144A.03 or 144A.05 shall be kept on file at the

nursing home and shall be made available for viewing by any person upon request. Except as otherwise provided by this subdivision, a copy of each correction order and notice of noncompliance received by the nursing home after its most recent inspection or reinspection shall be posted in a conspicuous and readily accessible place in the nursing home. No correction order or notice of noncompliance need be posted until any appeal, if one is requested by the facility, pursuant to subdivision 8, has been completed. All correction orders and notices of noncompliance issued to a nursing home owned and operated by the state or political subdivision of the state shall be circulated and posted at the first public meeting of the governing body after the order or notice is issued. Confidential information protected by section 15.163 or section 15.1691, shall not be made available or posted as provided in this subdivision unless it may be made available or posted in a manner authorized by sections 15.1611 to 15.1699.

[For text of subs 4 to 9, see M.S.1980]

History: *1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 12*

144A.61 NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1980]

Subd. 3. **Curricula; test.** The commissioner of education shall develop curricula and a test to be used for nursing assistant training programs for employees of nursing homes. The curricula, as reviewed and evaluated by the board of nursing, shall be utilized by all facilities, institutions, or programs offering nursing assistant training programs. The test may be given by any area vocational-technical institute or community college in accordance with instructions from the commissioner of education. The commissioner of education may prescribe a fee for the administration of the test not to exceed \$30.

[For text of subs 4 to 8, see M.S.1980]

History: *1981 c 359 s 17*