



HOUSE BILL 447: The Jeff Rieg Law/Patients Religious Rights.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	December 8, 2021
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Analysis of:	S.L. 2021-156		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2021-156 requires hospitals to allow clergy members to visit admitted patients.*

This act became effective October 1, 2021.

BILL ANALYSIS: The act requires a hospital to allow clergy members to visit admitted patients who wish to be visited by a clergy member, despite any disaster declarations or the use of the hospital as a temporary emergency shelter. Clergy members are subject to health screenings and adherence to infection control procedures that do not interfere with the religious beliefs of the patient or clergy member. Hospitals would be able to restrict visitation by clergy members who did not pass the health screening.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective October 1, 2021.

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