

Senate Public Health and Welfare

HB 2264

Opponent Testimony

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Senator Gossage and Members of the Health Committee,

“No Patient Left Alone Act”. Sounds good, but is it?

This bill stands in opposition to the rights of individuals in regards to healthcare in many settings. Have we forgotten our basic fundamental rights and how to care for others and display love and compassion in a medical/healthcare setting?

My mother was a career nurse and she was very good at her job. She would be appalled at what has happened in healthcare and what we would say is “good for the patient”, in regards to visitation and limiting visits or worse yet, denying visitation.

I have many family members that are in health care right now and do not agree with what has transpired in the past three years. This bill will only reinforce the mistakes of the past three years and beyond.

We have known that standards of care have declined in recent history in nursing homes, care facilities, hospitals, and in other medical settings. This bill is NOT in the best interests of patients. This bill is about healthcare providers and the agendas of the associations that pressure legislative committees.

I urge you to read this bill as someone who is in a situation where you are the one personally affected by these restrictions and limitations.

Please vote NO to HB 2264.

Thank you,

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