

HB 287 -- Health Care Personnel Identification Badges

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Currently, all hospitals and health care facilities require their personnel to wear an identification badge displaying the licensure status of the employee. This bill requires the badge to include the employee's name, title, and recent photograph as well as the name of the health care facility or home health agency of the employee. The employee's title must be as large as possible on the bottom edge of the badge in block type print.

A badge will not be required to be worn when delivering direct care if not clinically feasible, and the employee's last name may be omitted or concealed when delivering direct care to a patient who is irrational or violent.

A health care professional employed at the time the bill goes into effect is not required to immediately replace his or her current badge but must comply with the new requirement when, for any reason, his or her badge is re-issued or replaced. All badges worn by hospital or health care facilities personnel must be in compliance with the provisions of the bill within five years of the effective date.