

REFERENCE TITLE: hospitals; sexual assault; notification

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HB 2817

Introduced by
Representatives Terech: Bliss, Gress, Parker B, Willoughby

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-425.10; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-425.10, to read:

4 36-425.10. Hospitals; patient notification; sexual assault
5 investigation process

6 A HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH PATIENT, OR THE PATIENT'S PARENT,
7 GUARDIAN OR NEXT OF KIN, A DOCUMENT THAT NOTIFIES THE PATIENT THAT THE
8 PATIENT HAS RIGHTS AND CHOICES IF THE PATIENT IS ALLEGEDLY SEXUALLY
9 ASSAULTED WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL, THAT, IF THE PATIENT IS ALLEGEDLY
10 SEXUALLY ASSAULTED WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL, A HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR OR THE
11 HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE WILL MEET WITH THE PATIENT AND EXPLAIN
12 THE HOSPITAL'S INVESTIGATION PROCESS TO THE PATIENT AND THAT THE PATIENT
13 MAY CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT AT ANY TIME.