

Good Morning,

Introduction.

House bill 1343 is simple bill that deals with patients' rights in health care facilities. On page 2 lines 9 it adds the words 'and electronic mail" and line 10 "and electronic devices". This is modernizing the language and intent of this section of law for patients' rights.

Especially in times like we experienced in the last year, loved ones want to Facetime, Skype or video chat with loved ones when they cannot see them in person. It came to my attention from a constituent that because of the laws restricting videotaping, a facility did not want their residents using 'video' equipment in case the accidentally 'videotaped' other residents without their permission. However, this could already be done with any smart phone right now.

House Bill 1343 puts in law that video chatting and sending emails are included in their patient's rights.

The only issue that might arise that I thought of after I introduced the bill, is that I do not want it to imply that the health care facility is required to provide the resident with an I-pad or video device. However, if you read the bill it says, 'personal mail' and 'private conversations'. I think that qualifies it as them using their own devices. If you think that it needs an amendment, then please fix the bill.

This may be the only bill I bring before this committee that gets a unanimous vote. This because there should no opposition and I think most people kind of expected it was already part of the law. It is a good bill and should be passed into law. Please vote for a DO PASS for HB 1343. Thank you, I will stand for questions.