

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2017

HOUSE BILL No. 2232

By Committee on Children and Seniors

1-31

1 AN ACT concerning adult care homes; relating to electronic monitoring.

2
3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

5 (1) "Adult care home" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 39-923,
6 and amendments thereto;

7 (2) "authorized electronic monitoring" means the placement of one or
8 more electronic monitoring devices in the room of an adult care home
9 resident and making recordings with such devices after notifying the adult
10 care home of the resident's intent to conduct electronic monitoring; and

11 (3) "electronic monitoring device" means a surveillance instrument
12 used to broadcast or record activity or sound occurring in a room,
13 including a video surveillance camera or an audio device designed to
14 acquire communications or other sounds occurring in the room, but not to
15 intercept wire or electronic communications.

16 (b) A resident shall be permitted to conduct authorized electronic
17 monitoring in the resident's room subject to the requirements of this
18 section.

19 (c) An adult care home shall not discharge or refuse to admit a
20 resident or person or otherwise retaliate against a resident or person based
21 on conducting or consenting to authorized electronic monitoring.

22 (d) A resident, or such resident's guardian or legal representative, who
23 wishes to conduct authorized electronic monitoring shall notify the adult
24 care home on a form prescribed by the secretary for aging and disability
25 services. Such form shall be maintained in such person's resident file at the
26 adult care home and shall require the resident, or such resident's guardian
27 or legal representative, to:

28 (1) Release the adult care home from any civil liability for a violation
29 of the resident's privacy rights in connection with the use of the electronic
30 monitoring device;

31 (2) **be informed of the proper procedures for reporting**
32 **complaints, as outlined by the Kansas department for aging and**
33 **disability services;**

34 (3) if the electronic monitoring device is a video surveillance camera,
35 choose whether the camera will always be unobstructed or will be
36 obstructed in specified circumstances to protect the dignity of the resident;

1 and

2 ~~(3)~~(4) if the resident resides in a multi-resident room, obtain the
3 consent of other residents in the room on a form prescribed for this
4 purpose by the secretary.

5 **The adult care home shall provide a copy of the completed form to**
6 **the resident, any resident or residents with whom the resident shall**
7 **share a room and the office of the state long-term care ombudsman.**

8 (e) An adult care home shall make reasonable physical
9 accommodations for authorized electronic monitoring, including:

10 (1) Providing a reasonably secure place to mount the electronic
11 monitoring device;

12 (2) providing access to power sources for the electronic monitoring
13 device;

14 (3) making reasonable accommodations ~~and exhausting all reasonable~~
15 ~~options~~ if a resident in a multi-resident room wishes to conduct electronic
16 monitoring pursuant to this section and the resident or residents with
17 whom the resident shares the room do not consent to the monitoring,
18 including offering to move the resident who wishes to conduct electronic
19 monitoring to another shared room that is available or becomes available;
20 and

21 (4) making reasonable accommodations ~~and exhausting all reasonable~~
22 ~~options~~ if a resident wishes to conduct electronic monitoring and another
23 resident begins residing in the multi-resident room who does not consent
24 to the monitoring before moving the resident wishing to conduct electronic
25 monitoring.

26 (f) **Any resident who has previously conducted authorized**
27 **electronic monitoring must obtain consent from any new roommates**
28 **before the resident may resume authorized electronic monitoring. If a**
29 **new roommate does not consent to electronic monitoring and the**
30 **resident conducting the authorized electronic monitoring does not**
31 **remove or disable the electronic monitoring device, the adult care**
32 **home may turn off the device.**

33 (g) **Consent may be withdrawn by the resident, the resident's**
34 **guardian or legal representative, or any roommate at any time, and**
35 **the withdrawal of consent shall be documented in the resident's**
36 **clinical record. If a roommate withdraws consent and the resident**
37 **conducting the electronic monitoring does not remove or disable the**
38 **electronic monitoring device, the facility may turn off the electronic**
39 **monitoring device.**

40 (h) A resident, or such resident's guardian or legal representative,
41 shall pay all costs associated with installing and maintaining an electronic
42 monitoring device requested under this section.

43 ~~(g)~~(i) (1) Each adult care home shall post a conspicuous notice at the

1 entrance to the adult care home stating that the rooms of some residents
2 may be monitored electronically by or on behalf of the room's resident or
3 residents.

4 **(2) Each adult care home shall require that a resident, or such**
5 **resident's guardian or legal representative, who conducts the**
6 **electronic monitoring to post a conspicuous notice at the entrance to**
7 **the resident's room stating that the room is being monitored**
8 **electronically.**

9 **(j) If electronic monitoring is conducted, the adult care home may**
10 **require the resident, the resident's guardian or legal representative, to**
11 **conduct the electronic monitoring in plain view.**

12 ~~(h)~~(k) On or before a person's admission to an adult care home, such
13 person shall complete and sign a form prescribed by the secretary for
14 aging and disability services. Such form shall be maintained in such
15 person's resident file at the adult care home and shall state the following:

16 (1) That a person who places an electronic monitoring device in a
17 resident's room or discloses a recording made by such device may be
18 civilly liable for any unlawful violation of the privacy rights of another
19 person;

20 (2) that a resident, or such resident's guardian or legal representative,
21 is entitled to conduct authorized electronic monitoring under this section;

22 (3) the basic procedures required to request authorized electronic
23 monitoring;

24 (4) who may request authorized electronic monitoring;

25 (5) who may consent to authorized electronic monitoring; and

26 (6) restrictions that a resident may elect to place on electronic
27 monitoring conducted in the resident's room, including, but not limited to:

28 (A) Prohibiting video recording;

29 (B) prohibiting audio recording;

30 (C) turning off the device or blocking the visual recording component
31 of the device during an exam or procedure administered by a healthcare
32 professional;

33 (D) turning off the device or blocking the visual recording component
34 of the device while the resident is dressing or bathing; or

35 (E) turning off the device or blocking the visual recording component
36 of the device during a resident's visit with a spiritual adviser, ombudsman,
37 attorney, financial planner, intimate partner or other visitor; and

38 (7) any other information related to authorized electronic monitoring
39 that the secretary deems necessary or appropriate to include on such form.

40 ~~(i)~~(I) Any electronic monitoring device installed or operated pursuant
41 to this section shall comply with the requirements of the national fire
42 protection association 101 life safety code, or other standards determined
43 by the secretary for aging and disability as having substantially equivalent

1 requirements.

2 ~~(j)~~**(m)** (1) A person is prohibited from knowingly hindering,
3 obstructing, tampering with or destroying, without the consent of the
4 resident or individual who authorized electronic monitoring, an electronic
5 monitoring device installed in a resident's room in accordance with this
6 section.

7 (2) A person is prohibited from knowingly hindering, obstructing,
8 tampering with or destroying, without the consent of the resident or
9 individual who authorized electronic monitoring, a video or audio
10 recording obtained in accordance with this section.

11 (3) (A) Any person who violates this subsection shall be guilty of a
12 class B nonperson misdemeanor.

13 (B) Any person who violates this subsection with the intent to
14 commit or conceal the commission of a misdemeanor offense shall be
15 guilty of a class A nonperson misdemeanor.

16 (C) Any person who violates this subsection with the intent to
17 commit or conceal the commission of a felony offense shall be guilty of a
18 severity level 4, nonperson felony.

19 ~~(k)~~**(n)** The secretary for aging and disability services shall adopt rules
20 and regulations as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this
21 section.

22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
23 publication in the statute book.