

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB3313
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Impact:	No impact

Research Analysis

HB 3313 prohibits any medical entity from denying visitation to Covid-19 patients, even when patients are in isolation. The measure requires Covid-19 patients to notify the medical entity's administration of an individual who will hold visitation rights to the patient. Individuals who exercise these rights may be required to comply with certain hospital requirements such as:

- Signing an acknowledgement of risks document;
- Receiving a health screening administered by hospital staff;
- Wearing personal protective equipment provided by the hospital.

Individuals who exercise their visitation rights of Covid-19 patients will be required to comply with all reasonable safety protocols and rules of conduct. Hospitals are allowed to revoke visitation rights to individuals who fail to comply with safety protocols or visitation policies. When an individual visitation right has been revoked, the patient will designate a new individual to exercise visitation rights and the medical entity is required to allow visitation.

This act will be enforced exclusively through private civil actions. The measure provides criteria for bringing a civil action against an individual and provides damages for violations of this act. The measure declares an emergency.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3313 has no fiscal or revenue considerations to the state.

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Other Considerations

None.