

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 309 — Patient Admission Status Notification

by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; and Rep. Harrison and others (CS/SB 768 by Health Policy Committee and Senator Gaetz)

The bill requires a hospital to document the placement of a patient on observation status, rather than inpatient status, in that patient's discharge papers. The bill requires that the patient or his or her proxy be notified of the observation status through the discharge papers and allows the facility to also notify the patient through brochures, signage, or other forms of communication.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0