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Legislative Bill

Blue | Bill # 12

Referred to Committee:
Senate 1

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Action on the Bill

House	Senate
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An act to Create A Doctor Rating System.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to create a Doctor Rating System that ranks doctors on a letter scale of A through F. This is much like the way rating is done in school or restaurants. This provides the patient a way to see how well their doctor performs in the areas of professionalism, (qualifications, credentials, and skill), efficiency (timeliness of appointments and office waiting time) and climate (cleanliness and sterile procedures), Information for the rating system will be found from surveys and observations of both healthcare organizations like the American Medical Association (AMA) and patients.
Some doctors have been guilty of malpractice. Some doctors write false prescriptions for problems that do not exist. Others simply are negligent regarding their patient care, especially in surgery. While illegal use of prescriptions is a punishable offense, it is not against the law to be simply `negligent.'
Surgical errors account for about 34% of inpatient medical malpractice problems, while errors in surgery make up about 46% of all medical malpractice claims on the outpatient side, according to a recent study. Since surgical errors are occurring, we really need to make a rating system for Kentucky doctors. This will not only help patients by informing them how bad or good their doctor is, it will also motivate all doctors to provide the best care they can. The doctor rating system is a very excellent way to help citizens in Kentucky find an appropriate doctor for their problems. Limitations to this bill include how comfortable the waiting room is, or how friendly the doctor is. These two ideas do not matter when it comes to a doctor's practice.

Section 2: The government will have overseen this law as soon as it takes action. To enforce this bill, the state health department will grade each doctor judging on their performance for certain patients. There will be a letter grade and a certificate showing that the health department and the AMA has officially graded the doctor. Patients would have given the survey privately, so the doctor would not have to know.

Section 3: Penalties of breaking this law is the following: Doctors won't be able to practice their profession as a doctor. Two or more excessive Fs would qualified to being loss of license.

Section 4: This bill will take effect on January 1, 2015