

Bill Summary

COMMITTEE: Banking and Insurance

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PRIME SPONSOR: Vance

BILL NO: SB379

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A. Synopsis:

SB379 makes any benevolent gesture made prior to the commencement of a medical liability action by certain health care workers inadmissible as evidence of liability or an admission against interest.

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A benevolent gesture is defined as any action that conveys a sense of apology, condolence, explanation, compassion, or commiseration emanating from humane impulses.

This bill would apply to health care providers, assisted living residence, or any ostensible agent regarding a patient's discomfort, pain, suffering, injury, or death.

SB379 also includes language to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to expire 12/31/18.

Effective date: 60 days