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Brief Description: Streamlining hospital regulation and inspection.

**HB 1445 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the department of health to adopt minimum standards pertaining to the construction, maintenance, and operation of hospitals that are consistent with the applicable hospital survey standards of the joint commission on the accreditation of health care organizations.

Requires the adoption of standards for medical gas piping systems.

Encourages coordination between DOH and DSHS in conducting hospital inspections.

Directs the department to study alternative strategies for achieving greater efficiency in the hospital building design and review process.

Requires recommendations by January 1, 1996.