

CHAPTER 145**(SB 141)**

AN ACT relating to long-term care facility inspections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 216.530 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) All inspections of long-term care facilities performed by the cabinet shall be unannounced. All inspections of long-term care facilities shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the cabinet in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A setting forth the parameters of such inspections. Except for complaint investigations, inspections shall be performed no later than seven (7) to fifteen (15) months after the previous inspection.
- (2) *A person having knowledge of or conducting inspections of long-term care facilities shall not, with intent to violate subsection (1) of this section, notify or cause notice to be made to an owner, operator, licensee, or representative of a licensee of any scheduled or contemplated inspection. A violation of this subsection by a state employee shall be considered cause for dismissal under KRS Chapter 18A.*

Approved April 4, 2006.