

HB 322 -- NURSING FACILITY INSPECTIONS

SPONSOR: Neely

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 8 to 1. Vote "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill establishes a pilot program transferring the authority to inspect nursing facilities from the Department of Health and Senior Services to local health departments. Local health departments will have the option of participating in the pilot program.

The provisions of this bill will expire six years after the effective date unless they have been reauthorized by the General Assembly.

This bill is the same as HB 2540 (2016).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is about empowering the local health department to perform the inspections. The county already inspects other types of entities, such as restaurants, so this makes sense.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Neely.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.