



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3781.112 Secured facility may use delayed egress and coded doors.

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(A) As used in this section, "secured facility" means any of the following:

(1) A maternity unit, newborn care nursery, or maternity home licensed under Chapter 3711. of the Revised Code;

(2) A pediatric intensive care unit subject to rules adopted by the director of health pursuant to section 3702.11 of the Revised Code;

(3) A children's hospital, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code;

(4) A hospital that is licensed under section 5119.33 of the Revised Code to receive persons with mental illnesses;

(5) The portion of a nursing home licensed under section 3721.02 of the Revised Code or in accordance with section 3721.09 of the Revised Code in which specialized care is provided to residents of the nursing home who have physical or mental conditions that require a resident to be restricted in the resident's freedom of movement for the health and safety of the resident, the staff attending the resident, or the general public.

(B) A secured facility may take reasonable steps in accordance with rules the board of building standards adopts under division (A) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code and in accordance with the state fire code the fire marshal adopts under section 3737.82 of the Revised Code, to deny egress to confine and protect patients or residents of the secured facility who are not capable of self-preservation. A secured facility that wishes to deny egress to those patients or residents may use delayed-egress doors and electronically coded doors to deny egress, on the condition that those doors are installed and used in accordance with rules the board of building standards adopts under division (A) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code and in accordance with the state fire code the fire marshal adopts under section 3737.82 of the Revised Code. A secured facility also may install



controlled-egress locks, in compliance with rules the board of building standards adopts under division (A) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code and in compliance with the state fire code the fire marshal adopts under section 3737.82 of the Revised Code, in areas of the secured facility where patients or residents who have physical or mental conditions that would endanger the patients or residents, the staff attending the patients or residents, or the general public if those patients or residents are not restricted in their freedom of movement. A secured facility that uses delayed-egress doors and electronically coded doors, controlled-egress locks, or both, shall do both of the following:

- (1) Provide continuous, twenty-four-hour custodial care to the patients or residents of the facility;
- (2) Establish a system to evacuate patients or residents in the event of fire or other emergency.