
HOUSE BILL 1807

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of restraints on residents of long-term
2 care facilities; and amending RCW 70.129.120.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.129.120 and 1994 c 214 s 13 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The resident has the right to be free from physical restraint or
7 chemical restraint. Each resident has the individual right to utilize
8 physical restraints, provided the resident affirms in writing his or
9 her intent to use the physical restraint and the intent is acknowledged
10 in writing by the resident's physician, family member, or guardian ad
11 litem. In the event a resident is incompetent, an individual holding
12 durable power of attorney for the resident may also declare this intent
13 in writing for the resident, provided that the resident's physician
14 recommends and affirms in writing the use of the physical restraint.
15 This section does not require or prohibit facility staff from reviewing
16 the judgment of the resident's physician in prescribing
17 psychopharmacologic medications.

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