
HOUSE BILL 2824

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By Representatives Skinner and Edwards

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1 AN ACT Relating to conflict of interest provisions for the long-
2 term care ombudsman program; and amending RCW 43.190.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.190.040 and 1983 c 290 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Any long-term care ombudsman authorized by this chapter or a
7 local governmental authority shall have training or experience or both
8 in the following areas:

9 (a) Gerontology, long-term care, or other related social services
10 programs.

11 (b) The legal system.

12 (c) Dispute or problem resolution techniques, including
13 investigation, mediation, and negotiation.

14 (2) A long-term care ombudsman shall not have been employed by or
15 participated in the management of any long-term care facility within
16 the past (~~three years~~) year.

17 (3) A long-term care ombudsman shall not have been employed in a
18 governmental position with direct involvement in the licensing,

1 certification, or regulation of long-term care facilities within the
2 past year.

3 (4) No long-term care ombudsman or any member of his or her
4 immediate family shall have, or have had within the past (~~three~~
5 ~~years~~) year, any (~~pecuniary~~) significant ownership or investment
6 interest in (~~the provision of long-term health care facilities~~) one
7 or more long-term care facilities.

8 (5) A long-term care ombudsman shall not be assigned to a long-term
9 care facility in which a member of that ombudsman's immediate family
10 resides.

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