

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2824

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LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN--CONFLICT OF INTEREST

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/13/02

Passed by the House February 14, 2002
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP
**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 8, 2002
Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved March 22, 2002

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2824** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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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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