

**HB 1921 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that facilities identified as institutions for mental disease by the federal department of health and human services and classified as "nursing homes" shall not be included as nursing facilities for purposes of chapter 82.71 RCW and are not subject to the quality maintenance fee, subject to approval of this provision by the federal department of health and human services.

Provides that, by October 15, 2005, the department of social and health services shall submit for approval to the federal department of health and human services a waiver amendment pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 433.68. The amendment shall identify nursing facilities identified as institutions for mental disease as exempt from the quality maintenance fee.