

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## E2SHB 1935

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning adult family homes.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Morrell, Walsh, Cody, Orwall, Kenney, Bailey, Miloscia, Green, Kelley and Williams).

**House Committee on Health Care & Wellness**  
**House Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations**  
**Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care**

**Background:**

Adult family homes are facilities that provide residential care and treatment for up to six individuals. They are typically located in residential neighborhoods. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is following a policy of meeting the residential care needs of clients in facilities with a home-like setting. As the elderly population increases, there will be a need for additional residential facilities in residential areas.

The Legislature authorized the University of Washington through the School of Nursing to offer a geriatric certification and testing program for adult family home operators through a budget proviso in the 2007-09 state operating budget. The role of the DSHS in recognizing adult family home operators who successfully complete the program at the School of Nursing was not clearly defined.

The licensing and renewal fees for adult family homes are set in statute at \$50.

**Summary:**

The DSHS will establish a specialty license recognizing adult family home operators who successfully complete the program at the School of Nursing.

Restrictive covenants that have the effect of limiting the geriatric certification ability of people with disabilities to live in the residence of their choice, including adult family homes, are unenforceable to the extent of any conflict with this policy.

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The \$50 licensing and renewal fees for adult family homes are deleted, and the amount of the licensing fee will be \$100. In addition, an \$800 processing fee is charged for an initial license. The processing fee will be applied to the license renewal fee for the following three years.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	68	28	
Senate	39	8	(Senate amended)
House			(House refuses to concur)
Senate	32	16	(Senate amended)
House	69	25	(House concurred)

**Effective:** July 26, 2009