

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5177**

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LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS--HEARING LOSS IDENTIFICATION TRAINING

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved May 5, 2017 10:45 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5177** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

**Secretary**

FILED

May 5, 2017

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Bailey, Keiser, Palumbo, and Conway

Read first time 01/16/17. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1            AN ACT Relating to requiring long-term care workers to be trained  
2 to recognize hearing loss; and amending RCW 74.39A.074.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.39A.074 and 2012 c 164 s 401 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1)(a) (~~Beginning January 7, 2012,~~) Except for long-term care  
7 workers exempt from certification under RCW 18.88B.041(1)(a) (~~and,~~  
8 ~~until January 1, 2016, those exempt under RCW 18.88B.041(1)(b)~~), all  
9 persons hired as long-term care workers must meet the minimum  
10 training requirements in this section within one hundred twenty  
11 calendar days after the date of being hired (~~or within one hundred~~  
12 ~~twenty calendar days after March 29, 2012, whichever is later. In~~  
13 ~~computing the time periods in this subsection, the first day is the~~  
14 ~~date of hire or March 29, 2012, whichever is applicable~~)).

15            (b) Except as provided in RCW 74.39A.076, the minimum training  
16 requirement is seventy-five hours of entry-level training approved by  
17 the department. A long-term care worker must successfully complete  
18 five of these seventy-five hours before being eligible to provide  
19 care.

20            (c) Training required by (d) of this subsection applies toward  
21 the training required under RCW 18.20.270 or 70.128.230 or any

1 statutory or regulatory training requirements for long-term care  
2 workers employed by community residential service businesses.

3 (d) The seventy-five hours of entry-level training required shall  
4 be as follows:

5 (i) Before a long-term care worker is eligible to provide care,  
6 he or she must complete:

7 (A) Two hours of orientation training regarding his or her role  
8 as caregiver and the applicable terms of employment; and

9 (B) Three hours of safety training, including basic safety  
10 precautions, emergency procedures, and infection control; and

11 (ii) Seventy hours of long-term care basic training, including  
12 training related to:

13 (A) Core competencies; and

14 (B) Population specific competencies, including identification of  
15 individuals with potential hearing loss and how to seek assistance if  
16 hearing loss is suspected.

17 (2) Only training curriculum approved by the department may be  
18 used to fulfill the training requirements specified in this section.  
19 The department shall only approve training curriculum that:

20 (a) Has been developed with input from consumer and worker  
21 representatives; and

22 (b) Requires comprehensive instruction by qualified instructors  
23 on the competencies and training topics in this section.

24 (3) Individual providers under RCW 74.39A.270 shall be  
25 compensated for training time required by this section.

26 (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

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