
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1080

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By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Valle, Quall, Franklin, Flemming, G. Cole, Eide, Roland and Veloria)

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1 AN ACT Relating to contracts for admission to nursing homes; and
2 adding new sections to chapter 18.51 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.51 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) All nursing homes that require payment of an admissions fee,
7 deposit, or a minimum stay fee, by or on behalf of a person seeking
8 admissions to the nursing home, shall be required to provide the
9 resident, or their representative, full disclosure in writing of the
10 nursing home's schedule of charges for items and services provided by
11 the facility and the amount of any admissions fees, deposits, or
12 minimum stay fees. In addition, the nursing facility shall also fully
13 disclose in writing at the time of admissions what portion of the
14 deposits, admissions fees, or minimum stay fees will be refunded to the
15 resident or their representatives if the resident, expires or is
16 discharged from the nursing facility. All nursing home facilities
17 covered under this section are required to refund any and all refunds
18 due the resident or their representative within thirty days from the
19 resident's date of discharge from the facility.

1 (2) Where a nursing home requires the execution of an admission
2 contract by or on behalf of an individual seeking admission to the
3 facility, the terms of the contract shall be consistent with the
4 requirements of this section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.51 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The failure of a nursing home to comply with section 1 of this act,
8 is a matter affecting the public interest for the purpose of applying
9 chapter 19.86 RCW and is not reasonable in relation to the development
10 or preservation of business. A violation of section 1 of this act
11 constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice in trade or commerce
12 for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW.

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