

2 SB 6124 - S AMD

3 By Senator L. Smith

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. It is the intent of the legislature to
8 enable local resolution of concerns and problems raised by long-term
9 care residents by providing a volunteer long-term care ombudsman for
10 every long-term care facility and to improve the access to the
11 volunteer long-term care ombudsman at the facilities where Washington's
12 most vulnerable citizens reside.

13 The legislature finds that although considerable progress has been
14 made, only a fraction of long-term care residents have access to a
15 volunteer ombudsman at their facilities and some counties have no local
16 program at all. The legislature further finds that residents in those
17 counties have access only to the two professional staff in the state
18 office and that the four programs attempting to cover nine other
19 counties are very inadequate, having only four to six hours per week of
20 staff support for the volunteer program, and inadequate time to
21 recruit, train, and support sufficient volunteers to cover their areas.
22 The legislature also finds that other, more substantial local programs
23 have heavy long-term care population loads and are not able to provide
24 the volunteers needed for these vulnerable people.

25 This act will increase funding for the long-term care ombudsman
26 program by increasing the licensing fees for facilities that the
27 ombudsman program is required by federal and state law to visit."

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.20 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 In addition to the fee established in RCW 18.20.020, a monthly
4 fifty cents per bed surcharge is imposed on each licensee. The
5 proceeds of the surcharge shall be deposited in the long-term care
6 ombudsman account created in section 5 of this act."

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.51 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 In addition to the fee established in RCW 18.51.050, a monthly one
10 dollar per bed surcharge is imposed on each licensee. The proceeds of
11 the surcharge shall be deposited in the long-term care ombudsman
12 account created in section 5 of this act."

13 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 70.128
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 In addition to the fee established in RCW 70.128.060, a monthly
16 fifty cents per bed surcharge is imposed on each licensee. The
17 proceeds of the surcharge shall be deposited in the long-term care
18 ombudsman account created in section 5 of this act."

19 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.190
20 RCW to read as follows:

21 The long-term care ombudsman account is created in the state
22 treasury. Money in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
23 Expenditures from the account may be used only for the long-term care
24 ombudsman program under this chapter."

25 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of four hundred seventy-five
26 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is

1 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the long-term
2 care ombudsman account to the department of community development for
3 the purposes of the long-term care ombudsman program established under
4 chapter 43.190 RCW."

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
8 effect immediately."

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12 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "ombudsman;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
14 18.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.51 RCW; adding a new
15 section to chapter 70.128 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.190
16 RCW; creating a new section; making an appropriation; and declaring an
17 emergency."