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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) A nursing home that requires payment of a deposit or minimum
7 stay fee, by or on behalf of persons seeking admission to the nursing
8 home, shall refund a portion of the deposit or fee if the person on
9 whose behalf the deposit or minimum stay fee was paid does not reside
10 in the nursing home for the number of days that the deposit or fee
11 would pay for at the daily rate charged by the nursing home for the
12 care of the person. The amount of the refund shall be equal to the
13 amount of the deposit or minimum stay fee remaining after deducting an
14 amount equal to the number of days the person resided in the facility
15 multiplied by the daily rate charged by the nursing home for the care
16 of the person.

17 (2) Where a nursing home requires the execution of an admission
18 contract by or on behalf of an individual seeking admission to the

1 facility, the terms of the contract shall be consistent with the
2 requirements of this section.

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

5 The failure of a nursing home to refund a portion of a deposit or
6 minimum stay fee, or to include an admission contract term as required
7 by section 1 of this act, is a matter affecting the public interest for
8 the purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW and is not reasonable in
9 relation to the development or preservation of business. A violation
10 of section 1 of this act constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or
11 practice in trade or commerce for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86
12 RCW.

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