

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2990

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BOARDING HOMES--PILOT PROJECT FOR THIRD-PARTY ACCREDITATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/11/98

Passed by the House February 12, 1998
Yeas 96 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD
**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1998
Yeas 46 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved March 20, 1998

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2990** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Dyer, Backlund and Anderson

Read first time 01/26/98. Referred to Committee on Health Care.

1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot project for third-party accreditation of
2 boarding homes; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes the need to
5 involve the boarding home industry, the consumers of assisted living
6 and retirement services, the long-term care ombudsman, and state
7 regulatory agencies in the collaborative process of developing
8 standards and procedures for accreditation of licensed boarding homes.
9 As participants, consumers can help develop standards that more closely
10 address their needs and make the accreditation of boarding home
11 providers more meaningful to them when choosing among competitors.
12 Providers can maintain flexibility in the marketplace and more quickly
13 recognize and respond to the changing needs of its client base.
14 Regulatory agencies can save money and remain assured that performance
15 standards are high. For these reasons, the legislature finds that it
16 is in the best interests of the boarding home industry, boarding home
17 consumers, and state regulatory agencies to support an industry-funded
18 pilot program prior to changing or developing new standards for
19 boarding home regulation.

1 (2) A coalition of assisted living providers represented by state-
2 wide assisted living professional trade associations, the long-term
3 care ombudsman, state regulatory agencies, and consumer groups
4 representing, but not limited to, the assisted living clientele such as
5 the senior lobby, the American association of retired persons, and the
6 alzheimer's association shall develop a plan for implementing a pilot
7 program for the third-party accreditation of boarding homes licensed
8 under RCW 18.20.020. The pilot plan must be funded by the assisted
9 living federation of America. The plan shall review the overall
10 feasibility of implementation, cost or savings to the regulating
11 agency, impact on client health, safety, quality of care, quality of
12 life, and financial and other impacts to the boarding home industry.
13 The pilot third-party boarding home accreditation plan shall be
14 presented to the appropriate committees of the house of representatives
15 and the senate by January 4, 1999.

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