
SENATE BILL 5863

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1 AN ACT Relating to boarding homes; amending RCW 18.20.020 and
2 18.20.020; providing a contingent effective date; and providing a
3 contingent expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.20.020 and 1991 c 3 s 34 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 As used in this chapter:

8 (1) "Aged person" means a person of the age sixty-five years or
9 more, or a person of less than sixty-five years who by reason of
10 infirmity requires domiciliary care.

11 (2) "Boarding home" means any home or other institution, however
12 named, which is advertised, announced or maintained for the express or
13 implied purpose of providing board and domiciliary care to three or
14 more aged persons not related by blood or marriage to the operator. It
15 shall not include facilities certified as group training homes pursuant
16 to RCW 71A.22.040, nor any home, institution or section thereof which
17 is otherwise licensed and regulated under the provisions of state law
18 providing specifically for the licensing and regulation of such home,
19 institution or section thereof. Nor shall it include any independent

1 senior housing, independent living units in continuing care retirement
2 communities, or other similar living situations including those
3 subsidized by the department of housing and urban development. It may
4 not include any unit solely occupied by an independent resident not
5 receiving domiciliary care regardless if that unit is otherwise
6 included in the licensed room capacity of the facility. If the unit is
7 shared by more than one person, any of whom receive domiciliary care,
8 the department has the obligation to inspect and investigate the unit
9 for the purposes of promoting safe and adequate care of the individual
10 or individuals receiving domiciliary care.

11 (3) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation,
12 company, association, or joint stock association, and the legal
13 successor thereof.

14 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

15 (5) "Department" means the state department of health.

16 (6) "Authorized department" means any city, county, city-county
17 health department or health district authorized by the secretary of
18 health to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.20.020 and 1998 c 272 s 14 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 As used in this chapter:

22 (1) "Aged person" means a person of the age sixty-five years or
23 more, or a person of less than sixty-five years who by reason of
24 infirmity requires domiciliary care.

25 (2) "Boarding home" means any home or other institution, however
26 named, which is advertised, announced or maintained for the express or
27 implied purpose of providing board and domiciliary care to three or
28 more aged persons not related by blood or marriage to the operator. It
29 shall not include facilities certified as group training homes pursuant
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2 shared by more than one person, any of whom receive domiciliary care,
3 the department has the obligation to inspect and investigate the unit
4 for the purposes of promoting safe and adequate care of the individual
5 or individuals receiving domiciliary care.

6 (3) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation,
7 company, association, or joint stock association, and the legal
8 successor thereof.

9 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health services.

10 (5) "Department" means the state department of social and health
11 services.

12 (6) "Authorized department" means any city, county, city-county
13 health department or health district authorized by the secretary to
14 carry out the provisions of this chapter.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect if
16 section 2 of this act is not reauthorized by the legislature.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this act expires July 1, 2000,
18 unless reauthorized by the legislature.

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