

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6637**

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6637** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Keiser and Deccio

Read first time 01/17/2006. Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

1            AN ACT Relating to qualifications for adult family home providers;  
2 and amending RCW 70.128.120.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.128.120 and 2002 c 223 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Each adult family home provider and each resident manager shall  
7 have the following minimum qualifications, except that only providers  
8 are required to meet the provisions of subsection (10) of this section:

9            (1) Twenty-one years of age or older;

10           (2) For those applying after September 1, 2001, to be licensed as  
11 providers, and for resident managers whose employment begins after  
12 September 1, 2001, a United States high school diploma or general  
13 educational development (GED) certificate or any English or translated  
14 government documentation of the following:

15           (a) Successful completion of government-approved public or private  
16 school education in a foreign country that includes an annual average  
17 of one thousand hours of instruction over twelve years or no less than  
18 twelve thousand hours of instruction;

1 (b) A foreign college, foreign university, or United States  
2 community college two-year diploma;

3 (c) Admission to, or completion of coursework at, a foreign  
4 university or college for which credit was granted;

5 (d) Admission to, or completion of coursework at, a United States  
6 college or university for which credits were awarded;

7 (e) Admission to, or completion of postgraduate coursework at, a  
8 United States college or university for which credits were awarded; or

9 (f) Successful passage of the United States board examination for  
10 registered nursing, or any professional medical occupation for which  
11 college or university education preparation was required;

12 (3) Good moral and responsible character and reputation;

13 (4) Literacy in the English language, however, a person not  
14 literate in the English language may meet the requirements of this  
15 subsection by assuring that there is a person on staff and available  
16 who is able to communicate or make provisions for communicating with  
17 the resident in his or her primary language and capable of  
18 understanding and speaking English well enough to be able to respond  
19 appropriately to emergency situations and be able to read and  
20 understand resident care plans;

21 (5) Management and administrative ability to carry out the  
22 requirements of this chapter;

23 (6) Satisfactory completion of department-approved basic training  
24 and continuing education training as specified by the department in  
25 rule, based on recommendations of the community long-term care training  
26 and education steering committee and working in collaboration with  
27 providers, consumers, caregivers, advocates, family members, educators,  
28 and other interested parties in the rule-making process;

29 (7) Satisfactory completion of department-approved, or equivalent,  
30 special care training before a provider may provide special care  
31 services to a resident;

32 (8) Not been convicted of any crime listed in RCW 43.43.830 and  
33 43.43.842; ((and))

34 (9) For those applying after September 1, 2001, to be licensed as  
35 providers, and for resident managers whose employment begins after  
36 September 1, 2001, at least three hundred twenty hours of successful,  
37 direct caregiving experience obtained after age eighteen to vulnerable

1 adults in a licensed or contracted setting prior to operating or  
2 managing an adult family home; and

3 (10) Prior to being granted a license, providers applying after  
4 January 1, 2007, must complete a department-approved forty-eight hour  
5 adult family home administration and business planning class. The  
6 department shall promote and prioritize bilingual capabilities within  
7 available resources and when materials are available for this purpose.

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