

HB 1347 - H AMD 44

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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

5 (1) The department shall require emergency response plans for all
6 boarding homes licensed under this chapter. The emergency response
7 plans shall include detailed written plans and procedures to address
8 potential emergencies and disasters such as fires, earthquakes, floods,
9 and wind storms. The plans must provide for an alternative power
10 source that provides the facility with a minimum of seventy-two hours
11 of emergency power, unless additional hours are required by state or
12 federal regulations. The alternative power source must provide enough
13 power for any emergency life support systems and medical equipment,
14 lighting for emergency evacuations and in dining and recreation areas,
15 and heating equipment to provide heating for resident rooms or a room
16 or rooms to which all residents can be moved. The facility shall
17 coordinate its emergency response plan with a local organization for
18 emergency management established in accordance with the state
19 comprehensive emergency management plan, as provided in RCW 38.52.070.

20 (2) Boarding homes under this section shall train all employees in
21 emergency procedures when they begin working at the facility,
22 periodically review emergency procedures with existing staff, and carry
23 out quarterly drills using those procedures including fully evacuating
24 the facility once each calendar year.

25 (3) The department may adopt fire emergency evacuation drill
26 standards that consider the fire and life safety construction features
27 of the building.

28 (4) The department shall review emergency response plans as part of
29 the facility inspection, to determine compliance with this section.

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

3 (1) The department shall require emergency response plans for all
4 nursing homes licensed under this chapter. The emergency response
5 plans shall include detailed written plans and procedures to address
6 potential emergencies and disasters such as fires, earthquakes, floods,
7 and wind storms. The plans must provide for an alternative power
8 source that provides the facility with a minimum of ninety-six hours of
9 emergency power. The alternative power source must provide enough
10 power for any emergency life support systems and medical equipment,
11 lighting for emergency evacuations and in dining and recreation areas,
12 and heating equipment to provide heating for resident rooms or a room
13 or rooms to which all residents can be moved. The facility shall
14 coordinate its emergency response plan with a local organization for
15 emergency management established in accordance with the state
16 comprehensive emergency management plan, as provided in RCW 38.52.070.

17 (2) Nursing homes under this section shall train all employees in
18 emergency procedures when they begin working at the facility,
19 periodically review emergency procedures with existing staff, and carry
20 out quarterly drills using those procedures.

21 (3) The department may adopt fire emergency evacuation drill
22 standards that consider the fire and life safety construction features
23 of the building.

24 (4) The department shall review emergency response plans as part of
25 the facility inspection, to determine compliance with this section.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.128 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 (1) The department shall require emergency response plans for all
29 adult family homes licensed under this chapter. The emergency response
30 plans shall include detailed written plans and procedures to address
31 potential emergencies and disasters such as fires, earthquakes, floods,
32 and wind storms. The plans must provide for an approved alternative
33 heat source. An adult family home that serves residents on life
34 support systems must provide an alternative power source. The facility
35 shall coordinate its emergency response plan with a local organization
36 for emergency management established in accordance with the state
37 comprehensive emergency management plan, as provided in RCW 38.52.070.

1 (2) Adult family homes under this section shall train all employees
2 in emergency procedures when they begin working at the facility,
3 periodically review emergency procedures with existing staff, and carry
4 out quarterly drills using those procedures including fully evacuating
5 the facility once each calendar year.

6 (3) The department may adopt fire emergency evacuation drill
7 standards that consider the fire and life safety construction features
8 of the building.

9 (4) The department is authorized to waive the requirement that an
10 adult family home have an approved alternative heat source if the home
11 demonstrates a financial hardship. Adult family homes receiving a
12 waiver under this subsection shall display prominently their absence of
13 a backup heat source to current and potential residents.

14 (5) The department shall review emergency response plans as part of
15 the facility inspection, to determine compliance with this section.

16 **Sec. 4.** RCW 71A.12.080 and 1988 c 176 s 208 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) The secretary shall adopt rules concerning the eligibility of
19 residents of residential habilitation centers for placement in
20 community residential programs under this title; determination of
21 ability of such persons or their estates to pay all or a portion of the
22 cost of care, support, and training; the manner and method of licensing
23 or certification and inspection and approval of such community
24 residential programs for placement under this title; and procedures for
25 the payment of costs of care, maintenance, and training in community
26 residential programs. The rules shall include standards for care,
27 maintenance, and training to be met by such community residential
28 programs. The rules may also include standards for health, safety, and
29 emergency response planning.

30 (2) The secretary shall coordinate state activities and resources
31 relating to placement in community residential programs to help
32 efficiently expend state and local resources and, to the extent
33 designated funds are available, create an effective community
34 residential program.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of social and health services
36 shall adopt rules implementing this act."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires emergency response plans for boarding homes, nursing homes, and adult family homes in each of their licensing chapters.

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