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HOUSE BILL 2204

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By Representatives Morrell and Cody

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the nursing home certificate of bed  
2 need ratio; adding a new section to chapter 70.38 RCW; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.38 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 In determining the need for nursing home beds on a statewide basis  
8 and a planning area specific basis, the department shall calculate the  
9 need for nursing home beds based on the bed-to-population ratio of  
10 forty beds per one thousand persons age seventy and older.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
14 July 1, 2007.

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