
Health Care & Wellness Committee

HB 2346

Brief Description: Concerning priority processing for adult family home license applications.

Sponsors: Representatives Tharinger, Harris and Hayes; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows the Department of Social and Health Services (Department) to issue a provisional license to operate an adult family home in extraordinary circumstances, such as the sudden and unexpected death of a sole provider of an adult family home.
- Authorizes the Department to prioritize the processing of an application to operate an adult family home when a provisional license has been issued.

Hearing Date: 1/9/18

Staff: Chris Blake (786-7392).

Background:

Adult family homes are community-based facilities licensed to care for up to six individuals who need long-term care. These homes provide room, board, laundry, necessary supervision, and assistance with activities of daily living, personal care, and nursing services.

Adult family homes are licensed by the Department of Social and Health Services (Department). The Department may issue a provisional license if a person who is currently licensed to operate an adult family home has applied for a license to operate another currently licensed family home. The provisional license may be issued as long as all components of the application process have been completed, except for the on-site inspection. In the event of a change in ownership or relocation, a person currently licensed to operate an adult family home may request the Department to prioritize the processing of an application of a person seeking to be the new operator of the adult family home.

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Summary of Bill:

A provisional license is declared to allow the operation of an adult family homes for a specified period up to twelve months without renewal. In addition to issuing a provisional license to operate an adult family home when a currently licensed adult family home provider applies for a license for another adult family home, the Department of Social and Health Services (Department) may issue a provisional license in extraordinary circumstances, such as the sudden and unexpected death of the sole provider of an adult family home.

In addition to prioritizing the processing of an application in the event of a change in ownership, the Department may prioritize the processing of an application to operate an adult family home when a provisional license has been issued.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 3, 2018.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.