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3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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5 On page 2, at the beginning of line 35, insert "(1)"

6 On page 3, after line 12, insert the following:

7 "(2) If a nursing facility resident becomes eligible for home and
8 community-based waiver service alternatives to nursing facility care,
9 but chooses to continue to reside in a nursing facility, the department
10 must allow that choice. However, if the resident is a medicaid
11 recipient, the resident must require a nursing facility level of care.

12 (3) If a recipient of home and community-based waiver services may
13 continue to receive home and community-based waiver services, despite
14 an otherwise disqualifying level of income, but chooses to seek
15 admission to a nursing facility, the department must allow that choice.
16 However, if the resident is a medicaid recipient, the resident must
17 require a nursing facility level of care.

18 (4) The department will fully disclose to all individuals eligible
19 for waiver services under this section the services available in
20 different long-term care settings."

EFFECT: Ensures that no current resident of a nursing facility who requires a nursing facility level of care would be discharged against his or her will due to the availability of home and community service alternatives, and preserves the option of seeking admission to a nursing facility for prospective residents requiring a nursing facility level of care. Ensures that individuals eligible for waiver services under this act are able to make an informed decision in choosing an appropriate care setting.

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