
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1591

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2005 Regular Session

By House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke, Hinkle, Cody, Skinner and Moeller)

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1 AN ACT Relating to care facilities; adding a new section to chapter
2 18.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

6 The department of health, the department, and the building code
7 council shall develop standards for small boarding homes between seven
8 and sixteen beds that address at least the following issues:

- 9 (1) Domestic food refrigeration and freezer storage;
- 10 (2) Sinks and sink placement;
- 11 (3) Dishwashers;
- 12 (4) Use of heat supplements for water temperature in clothes
13 washers;
- 14 (5) Yard shrubbery;
- 15 (6) Number of janitorial rooms in a facility;
- 16 (7) Number and cross-purpose of dirty rooms;
- 17 (8) Instant hot water faucets;
- 18 (9) Medication refrigeration; and
- 19 (10) Walled and gated facilities.

1 Based on the standards developed under this section, the department
2 of health and the building code council shall study the risks and
3 benefits of modifying and simplifying construction and equipment
4 standards for boarding homes with a capacity of seven to sixteen
5 persons. The study shall include coordination with the department.
6 The department of health shall report its findings and recommendations
7 to appropriate committees of the legislature no later than December 1,
8 2005.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of health and the department
10 of social and health services may adopt rules to implement section 1 of
11 this act.

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