

5766-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Wojahn, Long, Franklin, Winsley, Rasmussen and Costa)

Brief Title: Modifying the duties of a long-term care ombudsman.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides that a local long-term care ombudsman, including a trained volunteer long-term care ombudsman, shall have the duties and authority set forth in the federal older Americans act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 3058 et seq.) for local ombudsmen.

Provides that the state long-term care ombudsman and representatives of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman, shall have the duties and authority set forth in the federal older Americans act for the state long-term care ombudsman and representatives of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman.

Provides that, to keep pace with the recent, rapid growth of licensed beds in boarding homes and adult family homes, the long-term care ombudsman program shall increase the number of trained volunteer long-term care ombudsmen available to residents living in these settings.

Directs the department to provide appropriated funds to the office of the state long-term care ombudsman for distribution state-wide to the regional offices of the long-term care ombudsman program.

Makes an appropriation of two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this act.

Makes an appropriation of two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this act.