

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 2824

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Revising conflict of interest provisions for the long-term care ombudsman program.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Skinner, Edwards and Chase.

**House Committee on Health Care**  
**Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care**

**Background:**

Long-term care ombudsmen may not have been employed in a long-term care facility or have had a pecuniary interest in a long-term care facility within the past three years. There is no period of ineligibility for a person who was employed in a governmental position involving licensing, certification, or regulation from becoming a long-term care ombudsman.

**Summary:**

A period of ineligibility of one year is established for individuals interested in becoming a long-term care ombudsman if they (1) were employed by, or involved in the management of, a long-term care facility; (2) were employed in a governmental position involving licensing, certification, or regulation of long-term care facilities; or (3) had a significant ownership or investment interest in a long-term care facility. A long-term care ombudsman is prohibited from being assigned to a long-term care facility if he or she has an immediate family member living there.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 98 0

Senate 48 0

**Effective:** June 13, 2002