
Health Care Committee

HB 2824

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

Sponsors: Representatives Skinner, Edwards and Chase.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Long-term care ombudsmen cannot have been employed in a long-term care facility within the past year.

Hearing Date: 2/8/02

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Long-term care ombudsmen cannot 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 of Bill:

A period of ineligibility of one year is established for individuals interested in becoming a long-term care ombudsman if they (1) were employed or involved in the management of a long-term care facility, or (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 they have an immediate family member living there.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.