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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5976**

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**State of Washington**

**58th Legislature**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Stevens)

READ FIRST TIME 03/05/03.

1       AN ACT Relating to adult day care services; amending RCW  
2       70.128.030; and creating a new section.

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

4       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that adult day care  
5       services can provide a needed service to individuals who find it  
6       difficult to care for themselves in their own residences during the  
7       day. The legislature intends that families be able to care for their  
8       family members with disabilities at home and that neighbors help  
9       neighbors with this care without permission from the government. Adult  
10      day care can assist family members in providing continuous community-  
11      based care for their family members with disabilities and reduce the  
12      need for more expensive nursing and other residential facility care.

13      **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.128.030 and 1989 c 427 s 17 are each amended to  
14      read as follows:

15      The following residential facilities shall be exempt from the  
16      operation of this chapter:

- 17      (1) Nursing homes licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW;  
18      (2) Boarding homes licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW;

1 (3) Facilities approved and certified under chapter 71A.22 RCW;  
2 (4) Residential treatment centers for the mentally ill licensed  
3 under chapter 71.24 RCW;  
4 (5) Hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW;  
5 (6) Homes for the developmentally disabled licensed under chapter  
6 74.15 RCW;  
7 (7) Adult day care homes which are regular private family abodes in  
8 which the home owner is the resident manager and primary care giver,  
9 and provides care to no more than five adults during the day and does  
10 not provide overnight care, which means that clients may not receive  
11 care for longer than twelve hours a day.

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