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Sponsor(s): Representatives Edwards, Campbell and Skinner

Brief Description: Creating a license for assisted living facilities.

**HB 1490 - DIGEST**

Declares that the purpose of this act is to provide for the development, establishment, and enforcement of standards for the maintenance and operation of assisted living facilities.

Finds that assisted living facilities promote safe and adequate care as well as accommodate individual resident's changing needs and preferences; protect residents' rights; maximize residents' dignity, autonomy, privacy, independence, choice, safety, quality of life, and quality of care and encourage family and community involvement of the individuals who have chosen to make an assisted living facility their home.

Finds that many residents of community-based long-term care facilities are vulnerable, and their health and well-being are dependent on their caregivers. The quality, skills, and knowledge of their caregivers are often the key to good care.

Finds that the need for well-trained caregivers is growing as the state's population ages and residents' needs increase. The legislature intends that current training standards be enhanced without unduly creating impediments for those who wish to become caregivers.