

5341-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, Kline, Thibaudeau, Carlson, Parlette and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Establishing a quality maintenance fee on nursing facilities.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides that, in addition to any other tax, a quality maintenance fee is imposed on every nursing facility operator in this state, to be calculated in accordance with this act.

Declares that a nursing facility operator's quality maintenance fee is determined each quarter by multiplying the patient days of each nursing facility operated by that person.

Requires each nursing facility operator to file a return with the department on a quarterly basis. The return is due within thirty days after the end of each calendar year quarter.

Provides that, by July 1, 2003, the department shall submit, for approval, an amendment to the state plan to include the quality maintenance fee, to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services. The department shall, with due diligence, respond to any questions from the centers for medicare and medicaid services so that the approval process is not unnecessarily delayed.

Repeals RCW 74.46.421.