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1 AN ACT Relating to the number of residents allowed to reside in an
2 adult family home; amending RCW 70.128.175; and reenacting and amending
3 RCW 70.128.010.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.128.010 and 2001 c 319 s 6 and 2001 c 319 s 2 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9 (1) "Adult family home" means a residential home in which a person
10 or persons provide personal care, special care, room, and board to more
11 than one but not more than (~~six~~) eight adults who are not related by
12 blood or marriage to the person or persons providing the services.

13 (2) "Provider" means any person who is licensed under this chapter
14 to operate an adult family home. For the purposes of this section,
15 "person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association,
16 or limited liability company.

17 (3) "Department" means the department of social and health
18 services.

1 (4) "Resident" means an adult in need of personal or special care
2 in an adult family home who is not related to the provider.

3 (5) "Adults" means persons who have attained the age of eighteen
4 years.

5 (6) "Home" means an adult family home.

6 (7) "Imminent danger" means serious physical harm to or death of a
7 resident has occurred, or there is a serious threat to resident life,
8 health, or safety.

9 (8) "Special care" means care beyond personal care as defined by
10 the department, in rule.

11 (9) "Capacity" means the maximum number of persons in need of
12 personal or special care permitted in an adult family home at a given
13 time. This number shall include related children or adults in the home
14 and who received special care.

15 (10) "Resident manager" means a person employed or designated by
16 the provider to manage the adult family home.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.128.175 and 1997 c 392 s 401 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, these
20 definitions shall apply throughout this section and RCW 35.63.140,
21 35A.63.149, 36.70.755, 35.22.680, and 36.32.560:

22 (a) "Adult family home" means a regular family abode in which a
23 person or persons provides personal care, special care, room, and board
24 to more than one but not more than (~~six~~) eight adults who are not
25 related by blood or marriage to the person or persons providing the
26 services.

27 (b) "Residential care facility" means a facility that cares for at
28 least five, but not more than fifteen functionally disabled persons,
29 that is not licensed pursuant to chapter 70.128 RCW.

30 (c) "Department" means the department of social and health
31 services.

32 (2) An adult family home shall be considered a residential use of
33 property for zoning and public and private utility rate purposes.
34 Adult family homes shall be a permitted use in all areas zoned for
35 residential or commercial purposes, including areas zoned for single

1 family dwellings.

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