
SENATE BILL 5965

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By Senators Honeyford, Keiser, Schoesler, Parlette, Hewitt and Rockefeller

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of video equipment in nursing homes;
2 adding a new section to chapter 18.51 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
5 enable nursing facilities to protect the safety of vulnerable adults
6 and improve the quality of services provided while respecting
7 residents' privacy.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.51 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 An administrator of a nursing facility licensed under this chapter
11 may authorize the use of video equipment to monitor and observe,
12 through the use of video equipment, the perimeter, common areas,
13 recreational areas, walkways, and any other areas frequented by
14 residents, staff, and visitors of the nursing facility.

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