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1 AN ACT Relating to emergency response plans for long-term care
2 facilities; and adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.20A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall require emergency response plans for all
7 long-term care facilities licensed under chapters 18.51, 18.29, and
8 70.128 RCW. The emergency response plans shall include detailed
9 written plans and procedures to address potential emergencies and
10 disasters such as fires, earthquakes, floods, and wind storms. The
11 plans must provide for an alternative source of power for the facility.
12 The facility shall coordinate its emergency response plan with a local
13 organization for emergency management established in accordance with
14 the state comprehensive emergency management plan, as provided in RCW
15 38.52.070.

16 (2) Long-term care facilities under this section shall train all
17 employees in emergency procedures when they begin working at the
18 facility, periodically review emergency procedures with existing staff,
19 and carry out drills using those procedures.

1 (3) The department shall review emergency response plans as part of
2 the facility inspection, to determine compliance with this section.

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