

ESSB 6582 - H AMD TO HCW COMM AMD (H-5361.2/10) **1259**

By Representative Morrell

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1 On page 8, after line 14 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

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4 "Sec. 11. RCW 18.88B.040 and 2009 c 580 s 15 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The following long-term care workers are not required to become a
7 certified home care aide pursuant to this chapter.

8 (1) Registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified
9 nursing assistants or persons who are in an approved training program
10 for certified nursing assistants under chapter 18.88A RCW, medicare-
11 certified home health aides, or other persons who hold a similar
12 health credential, as determined by the secretary of health, or
13 persons with special education training and an endorsement granted by
14 the superintendent of public instruction, as described in RCW
15 28A.300.010, if the secretary of health determines that the
16 circumstances do not require certification. Individuals exempted by
17 this subsection may obtain certification as a home care aide from the
18 department of health without fulfilling the training requirements in
19 RCW 74.39A.073 but must successfully complete a certification
20 examination pursuant to RCW 18.88B.030.

21 (2) A person already employed as a long-term care worker prior to
22 January 1, 2011, who completes all of his or her training requirements
23 in effect as of the date he or she was hired, is not required to
24 obtain certification. Individuals exempted by this subsection may
25 obtain certification as a home care aide from the department of health
26 without fulfilling the training requirements in RCW 74.39A.073 but
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1 must successfully complete a certification examination pursuant to RCW
2 18.88B.030.

3 (3) All long-term care workers employed by supported living
4 providers are not required to obtain certification under this chapter.

5 (4) An individual provider caring only for his or her biological,
6 step, or adoptive child or parent is not required to obtain
7 certification under this chapter.

8 (5) Prior to June 30, 2014, a person hired as an individual
9 provider who provides twenty hours or less of care for one person in
10 any calendar month is not required to obtain certification under this
11 chapter.

12 (6) A long-term care worker exempted by this section from the
13 training requirements contained in RCW 74.39A.073 may not be
14 prohibited from enrolling in training pursuant to that section.

15 (7) The department of health shall adopt rules by August 1, 2010,
16 to implement this section."

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18 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
19 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Exempts a long-term care worker who is in an approved
training program for certified nursing assistants from the
requirement to become a certified home care aide.

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