
Health Care & Wellness Committee

HB 2347

Brief Description: Concerning adult family home information.

Sponsors: Representatives Reeves, Harris, Chambers, Davis, Bateman, Doglio, Macri and Reed.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Establishes that the Department of Social and Health Services website regarding adult family homes is not required to include links to inspection and investigation reports, but it must include statements of deficiencies related to enforcement actions.

Hearing Date: 1/23/24

Staff: Emily Poole (786-7106).

Background:

Adult Family Home Inspections.

Adult family homes are regulated by the Department of Social and Health Services (Department) and must be inspected by the Department at least every 18 months. When an inspection is conducted, the Department must prepare a written report that summarizes the inspection, and all inspection reports must be available to the public at the Department during business hours. Adult family homes must have a copy of each inspection report for the past three years readily available for review by the Department, residents, and the public.

Adult Family Homes Website.

The Department is required to work with stakeholders to create a comprehensive, user-friendly website for family members, residents, and prospective residents of adult family homes. The

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website includes links to information including, but not limited to: (a) explanations of the types of licensed long-term care facilities; (b) lists of suggested questions when looking for a care facility; (c) warning signs of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation; and (d) contact information for the Department and the long-term care ombuds.

In addition, the website should include a searchable list of all adult family homes in Washington, with links to inspection and investigation reports, and any enforcement actions by the Department for the previous three years. If a violation or enforcement remedy is deleted, rescinded, or modified, the Department must make the appropriate changes to the information on the website as soon as reasonably feasible, but not later than 30 days after the violation or enforcement remedy has been deleted, rescinded, or modified.

Summary of Bill:

The Department website regarding adult family homes is not required to include links to inspection and investigation reports. The website must include statements of deficiencies related to any enforcement actions by the Department for the previous three years, as well as any notice of return to compliance for those statements of deficiencies.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.