

HB 495 -- Assisted Living Facilities

Sponsor: Johnson (47)

This bill:

(1) Defines "assisted living facility I" as a facility that is licensed by the state and provides 24-hour care and protective oversight to three or more residents who are provided with shelter and board. This care may include the provision of medication for short-term illness or recuperation;

(2) Defines "assisted living facility II" as having the same requirements as an assisted living facility I plus assistance with residents' activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living;

(3) Defines the terms "dementia," "activities of daily living," "instrumental activities of daily living," and "protective oversight";

(4) Requires assisted living facilities I and II to provide 24-hour staff in appropriate numbers and with adequate skill to care for the needs of residents and to have a plan for evacuating residents in case of disaster;

(5) Adds bachelor-degree level social workers using assessment tools for community-based services for persons with dementia to the list of those who can evaluate persons with dementia; and

(6) Requires an individualized service plan for each resident with dementia who requires assistance to evacuate that includes an evacuation plan which is reviewed at least semiannually and is modified whenever a significant change in the resident's condition occurs.