

HB 671 -- Assisted Living Facilities

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This bill changes the laws regarding assisted living residences. The term "residential care facility I" as it applies to long-term care provided to the elderly and disabled is changed to "assisted living residence I", and "residential care facility II" is changed to "assisted living residence II." The bill:

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

(2) Defines "assisted living facility II" as having the same requirements as an assisted living facility I but which also provides the residents assistance with daily-living activities and instrumental activities of daily living;

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

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

(5) Requires a resident assessment by a qualified and trained professional upon admission, at least annually, and whenever a resident's condition has required a change;

(6) Prohibits the residence from accepting an individual who is a danger to self or others, has a risk of elopement, requires physical or chemical restraint, requires more than one person to simultaneously assist in daily activities, or is bed-bound;

(7) Requires a residence to take the necessary precautions to ensure those individuals with a physical, cognitive, or other impairment can be safely evacuated during an emergency; and

(8) Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop rules to ensure compliance with the bill.