

## HB 952 -- Long-Term Care Facilities

Sponsor: Wilson (130)

This bill requires all long-term care facilities licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services to install and maintain approved sprinkler systems in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association by August 28, 2007, and be equipped with a complete fire alarm system by August 28, 2010. In addition, all long-term care facilities licensed by the department after August 28, 2007, must have electrical systems installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 70, National Electric Code, by a qualified electrician. The department may require employees and contract personnel of any long-term care facility to be awake, dressed, and prepared to assist residents in case of an emergency and the facility to have an emergency preparedness plan.

The Electrician/Sprinkler System Installer Statewide Qualification Commission, which expires July 1, 2008, is established to study and review the development of a statewide standard for persons practicing as electricians and persons installing or inspecting sprinkler systems. Members of the commission will include the directors of the departments of Health and Senior Services, Economic Development, and Public Safety and persons appointed by the Governor including one individual who has been practicing as an electrician for the preceding five years, one individual who has been practicing as a sprinkler system installer or inspector for the preceding five years, a member of a local jurisdiction for electricians or sprinkler system installers, two representatives from the relevant skill trade organizations, and one public citizen. The commission must submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly with recommendations in support of or opposition to statewide standards by July 1, 2008.