

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1296

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH (155).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 198, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to inspections of certain facilities.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 198, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 198.023, to read as follows:

3 **198.023. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "recognized accrediting**  
4 **entity" means the joint commission or any other nationally recognized accrediting entity**  
5 **approved by the department that has specific standards for residential care facilities**  
6 **and assisted living facilities that are equivalent to the standards established by the**  
7 **department under sections 198.003 to 198.096.**

8 **2. Any residential care facility or assisted living facility accredited by a**  
9 **recognized accrediting entity may submit to the department documentation of the**  
10 **current accreditation status of the residential care facility or assisted living facility. If a**  
11 **residential care facility or assisted living facility submits to the department**  
12 **documentation from a recognized accrediting entity that the residential care facility**  
13 **or assisted living facility is accredited and in good standing with the recognized**  
14 **accrediting entity in any year, the department shall not conduct an annual on-site**  
**inspection of the residential care facility or assisted living facility as described in**  
**sections 198.022, 198.525, and 198.526 for that year.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

15           **3. Nothing in this section prevents the department from conducting inspections**  
16 **for violations of the standards or requirements contained within this chapter or any**  
17 **other applicable law or regulation.**

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