

Legislative Analysis



HOMES FOR THE AGED: WAIVER OF AGE LIMITATION

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Senate Bill 635 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Bev Hammerstrom
Committee: Senior Health, Security and Retirement

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 635 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

The bill would provide new criteria for the Director of the Family Independence Agency to use in granting a waiver of the age limitation for admission into a home for the aged. Currently, under the Public Health Code, a home for the aged cannot admit an individual under the age of 60. Upon the request of a home for the aged, however, the FIA director may waive the age limitation if he or she determines that a waiver would be in the best interests of 1) a resident of the home for the aged and 2) the individual for whom the wavier is sought.

Senate Bill 635 would instead require the FIA director to waive the age limitation if the waiver is in the best interests of the individual under 60 years of age and the individual would be compatible with the other residents of the home for the aged, as determined by all of the following 1) the individual; 2) the individual's guardian or other legal representative; 3) the individual's physician; and 4) the owner, operator, and governing body of the home for the aged.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

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