




Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536



BILL ANALYSIS

Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986
TDD: (517) 373-0543

Senate Bill 635 (as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Bev Hammerstrom
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require the Director of the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (DCIS) to waive the age requirement for a resident of a home for the aged, if the prospective resident met certain conditions.

The Code prohibits a home for the aged from admitting individuals under 60 years old. Currently, upon the request of a home for the aged, the DCIS Director may waive the age requirement if he or she determines that a waiver would be in the best interests of a resident of the home and the individual for whom the waiver is sought. Under the bill, instead, the Director would have to waive the requirement if it were in the best interests of the individual under 60 years of age, and the individual would be compatible with the home's other residents as determined by all of the following:

- The individual.
- The individual's guardian or other legal representative.
- The individual's physician.
- The owner, operator, and governing body of the home for the aged.

MCL 333.21311

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

FISCAL IMPACT

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

Date Completed: 12-11-03

Fiscal Analyst: Maria Tyszkiewicz