

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB42

Hearing Date: Friday January 25, 2013
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Cook
One Liner: Change credentialing requirements for administrators of facilities for persons with head injuries

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Cook, Crawford, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Watermeier
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Tanya Cook Don Terry	Representing: District #13 QLI
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 42 changes the qualifications for licensure to administer facilities caring primarily for persons with head injuries and associated disorders to:

1) having four years of experience, at least two in an administrative capacity, and either:

- a) a psychologist with a master's degree
- b) a physician
- c) an educator, with at least a master's degree
- d) a certified social worker or
- e) LMPH or
- f) a physical therapist
- g) occupational therapist or
- h) speech language pathologist or

2) eight years of experience working with persons with head injuries or severe physical disabilities, at least five in administrative capacity.

The current requirements that a license shall be issued without examination and without the completion of administrator training or mentoring program remains the same.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee Amendment adds a definition for a "facility operated primarily for caring for persons with head injuries and associated disorders" as a nursing home in which all or a majority of the persons served have head injuries and associated disorders.

Additionally, the Committee Amendment clarifies that the license for administration issued under this section is specific to the holder serving as a nursing home administrator only in a facility operated primarily for caring for persons with head injuries and associated disorders.

Finally, the Committee Amendment adds to the alternative qualifications required for an administrator to be licensed under the bill to include an individual with at least four years of experience working with persons with head injuries or severe physical disabilities, at least two of which is spent in an administrative capacity, and is currently serving as an administrator of a health care facility and a member in good standing with an organization that offers voluntary certification for the purpose of demonstrating managerial knowledge and experience for health care managers.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson