

LEGISLATIVE BILL 571

Approved by the Governor May 29, 2019

Introduced by Walz, 15; Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Assisted-Living Facility Act; to amend section 71-5901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to require assisted-living facilities to provide grievance procedures to the Department of Health and Human Services as prescribed; to provide a duty for the department; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 71-5901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-5901 Sections 71-5901 to 71-5908 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Assisted-Living Facility Act.

Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Grievance means a written expression of dissatisfaction that may or may not be the result of an unresolved complaint; and

(b) Grievance procedure means the written policy of an assisted-living facility for addressing a grievance from an individual including an employee or resident.

(2) Each assisted-living facility shall, on or before January 1, 2020, provide to the department the grievance procedure provided to an applicant for admission to the assisted-living facility. When such grievance procedure is modified, updated, or otherwise changed, the new grievance procedure shall be provided to the department within seven business days after such new grievance procedure takes effect. The department shall make such grievance procedure available to the deputy public counsel for institutions.

Sec. 3. Original section 71-5901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.