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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1221

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section
- 2 71-516.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide
- 3 requirements for staff training for persons with Alzheimer's
- 4 disease, dementia, or related disorders as prescribed; and to repeal
- 5 the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-516.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
2 is amended to read:

3 71-516.04 (1) Any facility which offers to provide or provides care
4 for persons with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a related disorder by
5 means of an Alzheimer's special care unit shall disclose the form of care
6 or treatment provided that distinguishes such form as being especially
7 applicable to or suitable for such persons. The disclosure shall be made
8 to the department and to any person seeking placement within an
9 Alzheimer's special care unit. The department shall examine all such
10 disclosures in the records of the department as part of the facility's
11 license renewal procedure at the time of licensure or relicensure.

12 (2) The information disclosed shall explain the additional care
13 provided in each of the following areas:

14 (a) The Alzheimer's special care unit's written statement of its
15 overall philosophy and mission which reflects the needs of residents
16 afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a related disorder;

17 (b) The process and criteria for placement in, transfer to, or
18 discharge from the unit;

19 (c) The process used for assessment and establishment of the plan of
20 care and its implementation, including the method by which the plan of
21 care evolves and is responsive to changes in condition;

22 (d) Staff training and continuing education practices which shall
23 include, but not be limited to, four hours annually for direct care
24 staff. Such training shall include: (i) An overview of Alzheimer's
25 disease, dementia, and related disorders; (ii) the ways in which such
26 diseases impact the lives of caregivers; (iii) fundamentals of person-
27 centered care for individuals with dementia; (iv) person-centered
28 assessment and care planning; (v) progressive support for activities of
29 daily living for persons with dementia; and (vi) dementia-related
30 behaviors and communication topics pertaining to the form of care or
31 treatment set forth in the disclosure described in this section. The

1 requirement in this subdivision shall not be construed to increase the
2 aggregate hourly training requirements of the Alzheimer's special care
3 unit;

4 (e) The physical environment and design features appropriate to
5 support the functioning of cognitively impaired adult residents;

6 (f) The frequency and types of resident activities;

7 (g) The involvement of families and the availability of family
8 support programs; and

9 (h) The costs of care and any additional fees.

10 (3) In order to qualify for a memory care endorsement, an assisted-
11 living facility making a disclosure under this section shall comply with
12 section 71-472.

13 Sec. 2. Original section 71-516.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of
14 Nebraska, is repealed.