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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Budget (Wise) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 3254 and 3255

insert:

Section 77. Subsections (1), (6), (7), and (8) of section 429.178, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

429.178 Special care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other related disorders.—

(1) A facility that ~~which~~ advertises that it provides special care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other related disorders must meet the following standards of operation:

(a) ~~1. If the facility has 17 or more residents,~~ Have an



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14 awake staff member on duty at all hours of the day and night for
15 each secured unit of the facility which houses any residents
16 with Alzheimer's disease or other related disorders.~~7 or~~

17 ~~2. If the facility has fewer than 17 residents, have an~~
18 ~~awake staff member on duty at all hours of the day and night or~~
19 ~~have mechanisms in place to monitor and ensure the safety of the~~
20 ~~facility's residents.~~

21 (b) Offer activities specifically designed for persons who
22 are cognitively impaired.

23 (c) Have a physical environment that provides for the
24 safety and welfare of the facility's residents.

25 (d) Employ staff who have completed the training and
26 continuing education required in subsection (2).

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28 For the safety and protection of residents with Alzheimer's
29 disease, related disorders, or dementia, a secured, locked unit
30 may be designated. The unit may consist of the entire building
31 or a distinct part of the building. Exit doors must be equipped
32 with an operating alarm system which release upon activation of
33 the fire alarm. These units are exempt from specific life safety
34 requirements to which assisted living residences are normally
35 subject. A staff member must be awake and present in the secured
36 unit at all times.

37 (6) The department shall maintain and post on its website
38 ~~keep~~ a current list of providers who are approved to provide
39 initial and continuing education for staff and direct care staff
40 members of facilities that provide special care for persons with
41 Alzheimer's disease or other related disorders.

42 ~~(7) Any facility more than 90 percent of whose residents~~



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~~receive monthly optional supplementation payments is not
required to pay for the training and education programs required
under this section. A facility that has one or more such
residents shall pay a reduced fee that is proportional to the
percentage of such residents in the facility. A facility that
does not have any residents who receive monthly optional
supplementation payments must pay a reasonable fee, as
established by the department, for such training and education
programs.~~

~~(7)(8)~~ The department shall adopt rules to establish
standards for trainers and training and to implement this
section.

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 268
and insert:

the issuance of conditional licenses; amending s.
429.178, F.S.; requiring a facility that houses
persons with Alzheimer's disease or other related
disorders to have an awake staff member on duty at all
hours of the day and night for each secured unit of
the facility; removing obsolete provisions relating to
training and education programs; authorizing the
designation of a secured, locked unit for residents
with Alzheimer's disease, related disorders, or
dementia; providing that the locked units are exempt
from specific life safety requirements to which



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