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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES
BILL SUMMARY



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LD:

1236

AN ACT CONCERNING COMPATIBLE LIVING AREAS IN NURSING HOMES

DAVIS
CARROLL
GILL
BERUBE

LV-WD

HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

This bill sought to require the Commissioner of Human Services to promulgate rules to require licensed nursing homes, as far as practicable, to avoid housing noncompatible residents in the same area of the facility, taking into account the degree of physical or mental impairment, level of care required and ability to communicate or interact with other residents.

LD:

1253

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO APPOINT ADVOCATES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

MAYBURY
CARROLL
BUSTIN
NELSON
PUBLIC
CH #424

OTP-AM

HOUSE Enacted
SENATE Enacted
GOV Signed

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S-289

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SUMMARY:

The original bill sought to provide a procedure for foster parents to petition the Probate Court to appoint them as advocates for foster children.

The committee amendment (S-271) replaced the original bill and addressed its concern and the concern expressed in LD 1431. It allowed a foster parent to petition the court for standing and intervenor status in a child protection proceeding. The foster child must be living with the foster parent or have just left or been removed. The court shall look at the strength and duration of the relationship and the best interests of the child in making this determination. The title was amended to "AN ACT to Provide a Procedure to Petition for Standing and Intervenor Status for Foster Parents in Child Protection Proceedings."

The Senate amendment (S-289) inserted a word that was inadvertently omitted and corrected a grammatical error, a misplaced modifier in the definition. Both changes are technical corrections to avoid interpretational problems.