

**SB0492**



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Introduced 2/16/2005, by Sen. Wendell E. Jones

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

210 ILCS 45/3-202

from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4153-202

Amends the Nursing Home Care Act. Provides for minimum staffing standards for any dedicated unit within a nursing facility that provides treatment and care to residents with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 3-202 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 45/3-202) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4153-202)

7 Sec. 3-202. The Department shall prescribe minimum  
8 standards for facilities. These standards shall regulate:

9 (1) Location and construction of the facility, including  
10 plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation, and other physical  
11 conditions which shall ensure the health, safety, and comfort  
12 of residents and their protection from fire hazard;

13 (2) Number and qualifications of all personnel, including  
14 management and nursing personnel, having responsibility for  
15 any part of the care given to residents; specifically, the  
16 Department shall establish staffing ratios for facilities  
17 which shall specify the number of staff hours per resident of  
18 care that are needed for professional nursing care for various  
19 types of facilities or areas within facilities;

20 (2.5) The staffing of any unit, within a facility,  
21 dedicated to the treatment and care of residents with  
22 Alzheimer's disease or dementia. The staffing ratio shall not  
23 exceed 5 residents for every registered nurse;

24 (3) All sanitary conditions within the facility and its  
25 surroundings, including water supply, sewage disposal, food  
26 handling, and general hygiene, which shall ensure the health  
27 and comfort of residents;

28 (4) Diet related to the needs of each resident based on  
29 good nutritional practice and on recommendations which may be  
30 made by the physicians attending the resident;

31 (5) Equipment essential to the health and welfare of the  
32 residents;

1           (6) A program of habilitation and rehabilitation for those  
2 residents who would benefit from such programs;

3           (7) A program for adequate maintenance of physical plant  
4 and equipment;

5           (8) Adequate accommodations, staff and services for the  
6 number and types of residents for whom the facility is licensed  
7 to care, including standards for temperature and relative  
8 humidity within comfort zones determined by the Department  
9 based upon a combination of air temperature, relative humidity  
10 and air movement. Such standards shall also require facility  
11 plans that provide for health and comfort of residents at  
12 medical risk as determined by the attending physician whenever  
13 the temperature and relative humidity are outside such comfort  
14 zones established by the Department.

15           (9) Development of evacuation and other appropriate safety  
16 plans for use during weather, health, fire, physical plant,  
17 environmental and national defense emergencies; and

18           (10) Maintenance of minimum financial or other resources  
19 necessary to meet the standards established under this Section,  
20 and to operate and conduct the facility in accordance with this  
21 Act.

22           (Source: P.A. 83-1530.)

23           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.