State Government Administration Committee

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1   AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1905

2   AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1905 on page 58, by

3   replacing lines 2 through 10 with the following:

4   "(15) Establish a separate set of rules and guidelines for

5   long-term care that recognizes that nursing homes are a

6   different business line and service model from other regulated

7   facilities. An open and transparent process shall be developed

8   that considers the following: how skilled nursing fits in the

9   continuum of care with other care providers, modernization of

10   nursing homes, establishment of more private rooms,

11   development of alternative services, and current trends in

12   long-term care services. The Chairman of the Board shall

13   appoint a permanent Health Services Review Board Long-term Care

14   Facility Advisory Subcommittee that shall develop and

15   recommend to the Board the rules to be established by the Board

16   under this paragraph (15). The Subcommittee shall also provide

17   continuous review and commentary on policies and procedures

18   relative to long-term care and the review of related projects.

1   In consultation with other experts from the health field of

2   long-term care, the Board and the Subcommittee shall study new

3   approaches to the current bed need formula and Health Service

4   Area boundaries to encourage flexibility and innovation in

5   design models reflective of the changing long-term care

6   marketplace and consumer preferences. The Board shall file the

7   proposed related administrative rules for the separate rules

8   and guidelines for long-term care required by this paragraph

9   (15) by September 1, 2010. The Subcommittee shall be provided a

10   reasonable and timely opportunity to review and comment on any

11   review, revision, or updating of the criteria, standards,

12   procedures, and rules used to evaluate project applications as

13   provided under Section 12.3 of this Act prior to approval by

14   the Board and promulgation of related rules.".