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House Bill 688

(Delegate Murray, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

Nursing Homes - Family Council - Administrative Functions

This bill permits a nursing home, on the written request of a family council, to assist the council in the administrative functions of the council's operation in a mutually agreed upon manner.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill pertains exclusively to private sector activities.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A family council is a group of individuals who work together to protect the rights of and improve the quality of life of residents of a nursing home. A family council may consist of: (1) a resident's family members; or (2) an individual appointed by the resident, or if the resident is incapable of appointing an individual, an individual appointed by the resident's family.

A family council may be created by the owner, operator, or staff of a nursing home. In order to facilitate the development of a family council, the owner, operator, or staff may

lead the family council for no longer than six months, at which time the council must be led by a council member.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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