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Testimony for HB 207
Health and Government Operations

Good afternoon Madame Chairwoman, Madame Vice – Chair, and esteemed members of the committee. I am Delegate C.T Wilson and it's a privilege to be here to present:

House Bill 207 entitled Nursing Homes – Resident Change in Condition – Notifications.

Bill Overview:

Altering a certain provision of law requiring that a nursing home provide certain notification regarding a change in condition of a resident to the resident and, if applicable, the resident's representative or interested family member to require the notification to be provided within 24 hours after certain events, rather than in a timely manner.

Bill Outline:

1. Change of condition means a significant change in the resident's physical, mental, or psychological status.
2. Consistent with state and federal confidentiality laws, a nursing home shall notify a resident and if applicable, the resident's representative or interested family member within 24 hours of the event.
3. If the Department determines that the nursing home failed to notify a resident, resident's representative, or interested family member, then the department shall require as part of a plan correction that the nursing home must get in contact as soon as possible.

Conclusion: In conclusion, this bill requires a nursing home to notify any interested parties such as family members within 24 hours of a change in condition of the resident. This will allow individuals to be provided with prompt information regarding their loved one's health.

Thank you for your time and I request a favorable report for **HB 207**. I am open to any questions or concerns that you may have regarding this bill.