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## SB 76 Continuing Care Retirement Communities - Governing Bodies, Grievances, and Entrance Fees

## What SB76 Does:

- Increases the number of residents on the governing boards of CCRCs from one to two
- Mandates that this board meets at least quarterly to discuss financial statements with a designated representative of the resident's association
- Entrance fee refunds must be based on a sequential number issued to each departing resident or their estate, rather than when the resident's specific unit is occupied
- Providers must report information on entrance fee refunds to the Department of Aging every 6 months
- Twice per year, the Department of Aging must collect information from providers about grievances filed at their communities, including the subject of the grievance and the outcome

## Why SB 76 is Needed:

- This bill will improve transparency and trust between providers and residents by ensuring that residents will have greater input and understanding of governing board processes
- Residents or their estates will be able to recover their entrance fee in a timelier manner, bringing an end to long waits for refunds based on unit occupancy.