

Bill Summary

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A. Synopsis:

SB381 amends the Continuing-Care Provider Registration and Disclosure Act by eliminating the statutory minimum examination cycle for continuing care providers.

B. Summary:

A continuing-care provider (CCRC) is a provider which furnishes residential as well as health-related services under either a lifetime agreement or an agreement for a period in excess of one year, and in consideration for the payment of an entrance fee that is greater than the sum of regular charges for one year of residency. A CCRC which delivers their own health care services is also regulated by the Department of Public Welfare, the Department of Health, or both with regard to health and safety standards.

Under the current act, the Insurance Department is required to conduct an examination of a CCRC at least every four years to ensure financial solvency. This legislation will replace the four year minimum cycle with a requirement that an exam be conducted once within the first five years of certification and once within the second five years. It will also identify some criteria to consider when determining frequency of exams and clarify that CCRC exams are conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations relating to the department's exam authority.

The act will take effect in 60 days.