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A BILL FOR

An Act to require licensing, inspection and regulation of nursing homes as herein defined and providing for regulations, enforcement procedures and penalties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. As used in this act "Nursing Home" is any
2 institution, place, building or agency in which any accommodation
3 is primarily maintained, furnished, or offered for the care over
4 a period exceeding twenty-four hours of two or more nonrelated
5 aged or infirm persons requiring or receiving chronic or
6 convalescent care, and shall include sanatoriums, rest homes,
7 boarding homes, or other related institutions within the meaning
8 of this act. Nothing in this act shall apply to hotels or other
9 similar places that furnish only food and lodging, or either, to
10 their guests.

1 Sec. 2. After July 4, 1947, no persons, persons, or
2 governmental unit shall establish, conduct or maintain a nursing
3 home in this state without a license.

1 Sec. 3. Licenses shall be obtained from the state department
2 of health. Applications shall be upon such forms and contain
3 such information as the state department of health shall require.

1 Sec. 4. There shall be an annual license fee of ten
2 dollars which shall be paid into the general fund of the
3 state.

1 Sec. 5. The state department of health shall adopt,
2 amend, promulgate and enforce such rules, regulations and
3 standards with respect to nursing homes to be licensed
4 hereunder as may be designed to accomplish the purposes of
5 this act. The state department of health may, in the name
6 of the state, maintain an action for injunction or other
7 process against any person, persons, or governmental unit
8 to restrain or prevent the establishment, conduct, or
9 operation of a nursing home without a license.

1 Sec. 6. Upon receipt of application and license fee,
2 the state department of health shall issue a license if it
3 finds the applicant complies with the provisions of this
4 act and regulations promulgated hereunder. If at any time,
5 the department has cause to believe such applicant or licensee
6 has not complied with rules, regulations, or standards
7 established, the department shall notify such applicant or
8 licensee of such non-compliance. If, after thirty days, said
9 applicant or licensee has not removed the cause of non-compliance,
10 or furnished satisfactory evidence that such cause will be
11 promptly removed, the state department of health shall deny
12 or revoke the license of such applicant or licensee. Licenses ,
13 may be renewed annually by payment of license fee and furnishing
14 such reports as the department of health shall require.

1 Sec. 7. Any person or persons establishing, maintaining,
2 or conducting a nursing home without a license shall be guilty
3 of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine of not less
4 than twenty-five dollars or more than one hundred dollars for
5 the first offense and not more than fifty dollars for each
6 subsequent offense, and each day of a continuing violation
7 after conviction shall be considered a separate offense.