

MAR 3 2005
HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE FILE 570
BY FORD

Passed House, Date _____ Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the allocation of funds to be used for
2 recruitment and retention of direct care workers.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24

HF 570

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135C.49 PORTION OF PENALTIES
2 APPROPRIATED -- DIRECT CARE WORKER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION.

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the
4 contrary, ten percent of the civil penalties collected from
5 health care facilities for violations of this chapter,
6 annually, are appropriated to the Iowa department of public
7 health to be used for efforts to recruit and retain direct
8 care workers that provide services in both facility-based and
9 community-based settings. The Iowa department of public
10 health may contract with an organization that serves direct
11 care workers to implement such efforts.

12 2. For the purposes of this section, "direct care workers"
13 includes but is not limited to certified nursing assistants,
14 home health aides, homemaker aides, patient care technicians,
15 resident assistants, direct support staff, personal care
16 attendants, hospice aides, medication aides, rehabilitation
17 aides, adult day care workers, and assisted living personnel.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides that notwithstanding any provision to
20 the contrary, 10 percent of the civil penalties collected from
21 health care facilities for violations of the health care
22 facilities chapter (Code chapter 135C), annually, are
23 appropriated to the Iowa department of public health to be
24 used for efforts to recruit and retain direct care workers
25 that provide services in both facility-based and community-
26 based settings. The bill provides that the Iowa department of
27 public health may contract with an organization that serves
28 direct care workers to implement the efforts.

29
30
31
32
33
34
35