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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Alzheimer's Special Care Disclosure Act;
2 to amend section 71-516.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to provide requirements for staff training as
4 prescribed; and to repeal the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-516.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 71-516.04 Any facility which offers to provide or
4 provides care for persons with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a
5 related disorder by means of an Alzheimer's special care unit shall
6 disclose the form of care or treatment provided that distinguishes
7 such form as being especially applicable to or suitable for such
8 persons. The disclosure shall be made to the Department of Health
9 and Human Services and to any person seeking placement within an
10 Alzheimer's special care unit. The department shall examine all
11 such disclosures in the records of the department as part of the
12 facility's license renewal procedure at the time of licensure or
13 relicensure.

14 The information disclosed shall explain the additional
15 care provided in each of the following areas:

16 (1) The Alzheimer's special care unit's written statement
17 of its overall philosophy and mission which reflects the needs
18 of residents afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or a
19 related disorder;

20 (2) The process and criteria for placement in, transfer
21 to, or discharge from the unit;

22 (3) The process used for assessment and establishment of
23 the plan of care and its implementation, including the method by
24 which the plan of care evolves and is responsive to changes in
25 condition;

1 (4) Staff training and continuing education practices.
2 Such training and continuing education shall include, but not be
3 limited to, not less than four hours annually of dementia-specific
4 training pursuant to a prescribed curriculum as approved by the
5 department;

6 (5) The physical environment and design features
7 appropriate to support the functioning of cognitively impaired
8 adult residents;

9 (6) The frequency and types of resident activities;

10 (7) The involvement of families and the availability of
11 family support programs; and

12 (8) The costs of care and any additional fees.

13 Sec. 2. Original section 71-516.04, Reissue Revised
14 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.