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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 duties regarding criteria for care
4 and treatment; 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,
5 or a related disorder by means of an Alzheimer's special care
6 unit shall disclose the form of care or treatment provided that
7 distinguishes such form as being especially applicable to or
8 suitable for such persons. The disclosure shall be made to the
9 Department of Health and Human Services and to any person seeking
10 placement within an Alzheimer's special care unit. The department
11 shall establish criteria to evaluate the adequacy of the form of
12 care and treatment, examine all such disclosures in the records of
13 the department as part of the facility's license renewal procedure
14 at the time of licensure or relicensure, and determine whether the
15 disclosed practices meet established criteria.

16 The information disclosed shall explain the additional
17 care provided in each of the following areas:

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

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

24 (3) The process used for assessment and establishment of
25 the plan of care and its implementation, including the method by

1 which the plan of care evolves and is responsive to changes in
2 condition;

3 (4) Staff training and continuing education practices;

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

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

8 (7) The involvement of families and the availability of
9 family support programs; and

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

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12 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.