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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 904**

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**Chairperson:** Tim Gay  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** January 28, 2010

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of LB 904 is to allow assisted living facilities to provide a service program and physical environment that minimizes the need for residents to move within or from the facility to accommodate their changing needs and preferences.

LB 904 would amend the statutes governing operation of assisted living facilities to establish a separate category of assisted living licensure, called enhanced assisted living. An assisted living facility operator could opt to seek an enhanced assisted living certificate to be able to serve those residents whose conditions may change and require additional support and services.

LB 904 would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop requirements and standards for enhanced assisted living certificates and to promulgate regulations which would

- 1) require at least one direct care staff to be on the premises and awake at all times;
- 2) provide for an annual survey of assisted living facilities
- 3) establish training requirements for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid; and
- 4) require the development of a disaster-response plan for all assisted living facilities and training of staff in the implementation of the plan.

**Principal Introducer:**

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