

JAN 21 2011

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE LICENSING OF HOME CARE AGENCIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. In the regular session of 2009, the legislature
2 passed Senate Bill No. 415, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, which was
3 enacted as Act 21, First Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2009.
4 The purpose of Act 21 is to ensure that home care agencies meet
5 minimum standards when delivering services to clients by
6 requiring these agencies to be licensed. Act 21 designated the
7 department of health as the licensing agency. Since Act 21's
8 enactment, the department has collaborated with home care
9 agencies, consumer advocates, and other stakeholders to draft
10 the administrative rules needed to implement the licensing
11 provisions of Act 21. These draft rules have gone through the
12 State's rulemaking process and have been approved.

13 The department of health intends that licensing fees
14 charged to home care agencies will cover the administrative
15 costs associated with licensing. However, initial funding is
16 needed to start the licensing process so that fees can be
17 collected. After the first year, licensing fees will cover the
18 administrative costs of licensing.



1 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for
2 staffing and other costs to begin the licensing process for home
3 care agencies.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
6 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 for
7 staffing and other costs associated with the licensing of home
8 care agencies.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 health for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Home Health Care Agency Licensing; Appropriation; DOH.

Description:

Makes an appropriation for 2011-2012 fiscal year for staffing and other costs associated with the licensing of home care agencies.

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