

ALLIANCE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE ADMINISTRATORS

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Members of the Committees:

The Alliance of Residential Care Administrators (ARCA) **supports HB749** that allows the competency evaluation to recertify as a CNA to be included in the continuing education (CE) training.

CE along with the competency evaluation training would ensure the proficiency of each licensee with respect to all necessary skills and enable licensees to remain competent in providing care to the public. Combining the CE hours with the evaluation would allow CNAs to internalize basic concepts with practical skills.

CE training for recertification of CNA's and believes it in the best interest of both providers and recipients of CNA services. CE training would ensure the proficiency of each licensee with respect to all necessary skills and enable licensees to remain competent in providing care to the public.

CE training can be provided by state-approved providers to ensure the integrity and quality of the CE program. In addition to ensuring proficiency, licensees would have the opportunity to update or even improve their skills. For these reasons, many regulated professions in the State require CE; for example, 12 hours every two years for real estate agents.

No compromise to the health or safety of the public will arise from this measure. CE providers can still ensure licensees possess the necessary knowledge and skills while at the same time giving licensees an opportunity to update, improve, or refine their skills. In fact, CE will result in safer and higher quality service to recipients.

For these reasons, ARCA supports the intent of HB 749 and requests amendments noted above.

Very truly yours,

Alliance of Residential Care Administrators

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