

JAN 24 2019

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOME CARE AGENCIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that home care agencies
2 provide an important service to independent but elderly or
3 vulnerable persons by providing home-based non-health care
4 services that enable those persons to remain in their homes,
5 rather than be admitted into costly residential care homes or
6 institutional care facilities. The legislature further finds
7 that in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of
8 those persons, the current licensure requirements for home care
9 agencies by the department of health should be retained.
10 Existing licensure requirements include background checks on
11 home care operators and workers and provide minimum standards on
12 the provisions of home care services. The legislature notes
13 that the current statutory requirement for licensure for home
14 care agencies is set to be repealed on June 30, 2019.
15 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to permanently require
16 home care agencies in Hawaii to be licensed by the department of
17 health.



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1 SECTION 2. Act 21, Special Session Laws of Hawaii, 2009,
 2 as amended by Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, is amended
 3 by amending section 8 to read as follows:

4 "SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009[
 5 and shall be repealed on June 30, 2019; provided that section
 6 321-11 and 321-11.5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the
 7 definition of "health care facility" in section 321-15.2, Hawaii
 8 Revised Statutes, shall be reenacted in the form in which they
 9 read on June 30, 2009]."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 11 and stricken.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2019.

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Report Title:

Home Care Agencies; Licensure; Sunset; Repeal

Description:

Makes permanent the licensure requirements for home care agencies licensed by the department of health.

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