

transfer of the property, in whole or in part, to a person other than another comortgagor, whichever occurs first. The supervisor may, upon petition by the heir or heirs and after a showing of good cause, extend the repayment date beyond one year after the death of the mortgagor or comortgagor. No such loan may be made in excess of eighty percent of the appraised value of the property securing the loan.

(5) The supervisor shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW, as now or hereafter amended, requiring associations to make certain written disclosures in reasonably simple terms to the prospective borrower concerning the nature and terms of the reverse annuity mortgage loan being offered, as are necessary to ensure adequate consumer protection.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. If any provision of this 1979 act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## CHAPTER 114

[Senate Bill No. 2339]

### NURSING HOMES—NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM

AN ACT Relating to nursing homes; and adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds that the quality of patient care in nursing homes is dependent upon the competence of the personnel who staff their facilities. To assure the availability of trained personnel in nursing homes, the legislature recognizes the need for the development of an entry-level training program for nursing assistants.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Unless the context requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Nursing assistant" means a person who assists in the care of patients, in a facility licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW, under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

(2) "Department" means the department of social and health services.

(3) "Nursing home" means a facility licensed under chapter 18.51 RCW.

(4) "Board" means the state board of nursing.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) Any nursing assistant employed by a nursing home, who has satisfactorily completed a nursing assistant training

program under this chapter, shall, upon application, be issued a certificate of completion.

(2) After June 30, 1980, all nursing assistants employed by a nursing home shall be required to show evidence of satisfactory completion of a nursing assistant training program, or that they are enrolled in and are progressing satisfactorily towards completion of a training program under standards promulgated by the board, which program must be completed within six months of employment. A nursing home may employ a person not currently enrolled if the employer within twenty days enrolls the person in an approved training program. All persons enrolled in a training program must satisfactorily complete the program within six months from the date of initial employment.

(3) All nursing assistants who, on the effective date of this act, are employed in nursing homes shall be given the opportunity to obtain a certificate of completion by passing a written and/or practical examination developed by the board and conducted by a school or nursing home, or by providing evidence of sufficient practical experience. The board shall adopt rules specifying the amount of practical experience to be required for the issuance of a certificate under this section.

(4) Compliance with this section shall be a condition of licensure of nursing homes under chapter 18.51 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) The board shall establish minimum curriculum standards and approve or disapprove curriculum used in nursing assistant training programs. The standards shall include, as a minimum, instruction in patient environment, patients' psychosocial needs, aseptic technique, personal hygiene, excretory systems, basic nursing procedures, food service, and fire safety, consisting of at least twenty-five classroom hours and at least fifty hours of supervised and on-the-job training clinical practice. The fifty hours may consist of employment as nurse assistants under supervision of a registered nurse.

(2) For nursing assistant training programs conducted by nursing homes, the board shall adopt additional minimum standards covering non-curriculum matters such as, but not limited to, staffing and teacher qualifications. Of the standards adopted by the board, nursing assistant training programs conducted by publicly supported schools, and private educational institutions accredited by the northwest association of schools and colleges, shall be required to meet only those standards established under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The board shall periodically review the nursing assistant training programs conducted by nursing homes. Upon completion of the review, the board shall approve or disapprove each program.

(4) The superintendent of public instruction and the state board for community college education shall periodically review with the board the nursing assistant training programs conducted by publicly supported schools

within the agencies' respective jurisdictions. Upon completion of the review, the board shall approve or disapprove each program, and graduates of such approved programs shall automatically be certified.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as conferring on a nursing assistant the authority to administer medication or to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The department and the board shall, within ninety days of the effective date of this act, adopt such rules as are necessary for the implementation of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The department shall provide rate adjustments to nursing homes for the portion of additional costs attributable to the requirements of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 2 through 7 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW.

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## CHAPTER 115

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2147]

### FOOD DONATION PROGRAM—LEGAL IMMUNITY

AN ACT Relating to food; and adding a new section to chapter 69.04 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 69.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) A person, including a farmer, processor, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer of food, who in good faith donates an item of food for use or distribution by a nonprofit organization shall not be liable for civil damages or criminal penalties resulting from the nature, age, condition, or packaging of the donated food, including any liability under this chapter or chapter 15.32 RCW.

(2) Nothing in this section is intended to limit any liability on the part of the donee nonprofit organization accepting food items under subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The department of agriculture shall maintain an information and referral service for persons and organizations that have notified the department of their desire to participate in the food donation program under this section.