

The utilities board may require a rate-regulated investor-owned public utility to file revised rates to reflect the provisions of applicable state tax reform and the provisions of the federal Tax Reform Act of 1986. In lieu of filing revised rates to reflect the change in state and federal taxes, a public utility may file for a general rate change under section 476.6. If the public utility has not received board approval to collect the revised rates by July 1, 1987, the utility shall file a bond or other undertaking approved by the board conditioned upon the refund in a manner to be prescribed by the board of any amounts collected in excess of those amounts which would have been collected under the rates finally approved by the board. The utilities board shall adopt rules implementing this section.

A utility may delay implementation of the revised rates required by this section until September 30, 1987, if sufficient bond or corporate undertaking is approved and on file with the board. The bond or corporate undertaking shall be one and one-half times the estimated refund obligation accrued during the delay in implementing the revised rates. A utility having pledged a bond or corporate undertaking pursuant to this section may file for a general rate proceeding by September 30, 1987, with the historical test year ending June 30, 1987.

Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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CHAPTER 194

INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

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AN ACT relating to intermediate care facilities for the mentally ill.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 135C.1, Code 1987, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. 18. "Intermediate care facility for the mentally ill" means an intermediate care facility licensed under this chapter and designed primarily to provide services to individuals with mental illness.

NEW SUBSECTION. 19. "Mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thought or mood which significantly impairs judgment, behavior, or the capacity to recognize reality or the ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life.

Sec. 2. Section 135E.1, subsection 3, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

3. "Nursing home" means ~~any an~~ institution or facility, or part thereof, licensed as an intermediate care facility or a skilled nursing facility, but not including an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded or an intermediate care facility for the mentally ill, defined as such for licensing purposes under state law or pursuant to the rules ~~and regulations~~ for nursing homes ~~established promulgated by the Iowa department of public state board of health, in consultation with the department of inspections and appeals, whether proprietary or non-profit, including but not limited to, nursing homes owned or administered by the federal or state government or an agency or political subdivisions thereof~~ subdivision of government.

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