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April 29, 2005

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 253, an Act relating to governmental ethics and the duties of the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board.

House File 313, an Act relating to the establishment of an industrial processing exemption study committee and including an effective date.

House File 398, an Act adding an exemption for colleges and universities established by city ordinance to the requirements relating to the registration of postsecondary schools.

House File 423, an Act relating to participation in secondary school interscholastic sports at the varsity and inferior levels.

House File 532, an Act relating to the administrative functions of the Department of Cultural Affairs, including the Board of Trustees of the State Historical Society of Iowa and the State Records Commission.

House File 645, an Act relating to the regulation of lotteries, including the definition of a lottery, permissible lotteries by commercial organizations, and the prosecution of violators.

House File 700, an Act relating to the Iowa Soybean Association, by providing for its board of directors, market development, and providing for an assessment.

House File 737, an Act relating to the registration and licensing of mortgage bankers and brokers, providing for fees, and providing an effective date.



House File 745, an Act relating to the criminal offense of theft of leased or rented personal property and making penalties applicable.

House File 746, an Act providing procedures for a rural water district to transfer its right to provide water or wastewater service and for dissolution of the district.

House File 754, an Act relating to a homestead exemption waiver notice contained in a written contract affecting agricultural land.

House File 777, an Act relating to testing a person for contagious or infectious disease if the person assaults a person by exchanging or attempting to exchange bodily fluids, and providing a penalty.

House File 781, an Act relating to the establishment of a direct care worker task force.

House File 789, an Act relating to programs and functions under the purview of the Iowa Department of Public Health.

House File 839, an Act providing for the establishment of a technology governance board within the Department of Administrative Service, and making an appropriation.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House



HOUSE FILE 781

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIRECT CARE WORKER TASK FORCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. DIRECT CARE WORKER TASK FORCE --
RECOMMENDATIONS -- REPORT.

1. The Iowa department of public health shall convene a direct care worker task force to review the education and training requirements applicable to and to make recommendations regarding direct care workers. The Iowa department of public health shall provide administrative support for the task force.

2. The task force shall consist of twelve members including representatives of the direct care workforce, health care providers, consumer and disability advocates, and individuals involved in the education and training of direct care workers selected by the governor.

3. The task force shall also include the director or the director's designee of the Iowa department of public health, the department of human services, the department of elder affairs, and the department of inspections and appeals, and members of the general assembly as ex officio, nonvoting members.

4. The legislative members of the task force shall be appointed by the president of the senate, after consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader of the senate, and by the speaker of the house, after consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader of the house of representatives.

5. The task force shall select a chairperson from its membership. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum.

6. The direct care worker task force shall do all of the following:

a. Identify the existing direct care worker classifications.

b. Review and outline the corresponding educational and training requirements for each direct care worker classification identified.

c. Determine the appropriate educational and training requirements for each direct care worker classification identified.

d. Recommend a process for streamlining the educational and training system for direct care workers.

e. Recommend a process for establishing a direct care worker registry by expanding the Iowa nurse aide registry to integrate direct care workers, and consider moving administration of the registry to the Iowa department of public health.

7. The task force shall submit a report of its recommendations regarding the issues specified in subsection 6

to the governor and the general assembly no later than
December 15, 2006.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House



JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 781, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 29, 2005



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Governor