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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY HEATON

A Resolution relating to the shortage of nursing home administrators and requesting the State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators to make recommendations for addressing the shortage.

WHEREAS, there are fewer than 700 actively licensed nursing home administrators in this state to serve 439 nursing facilities; and

WHEREAS, many of the licensed nursing home administrators have retired, but have maintained an active license; and

WHEREAS, less than 4 percent of all actively licensed nursing home administrators in this state are between the ages of 21 to 29, and more than 47 percent are over the age of 50; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of new licensure requirements in 1999, the state has experienced a dramatic decrease of approximately 60 percent in the number of individuals entering the field of nursing home administration; and

WHEREAS, a majority of licensed nursing home administrators have indicated they would not enter the field of nursing home administration today if they were required to meet current education and practicum requirements; and

WHEREAS, seventy-six percent of licensed nursing home administrators recently surveyed identified excessive regulation as their primary reason for leaving the profession, and cited as an additional

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1 reason the inability to find adequate staff amid a
2 shrinking pool of health care workers; NOW THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
4 That the State Board of Examiners for Nursing Home
5 Administrators address the shortage of nursing home
6 administrators in this state by reviewing current
7 educational and practicum requirements for nursing
8 home administration and comparing those requirements
9 with the requirements of surrounding states; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Board of
11 Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators consider the
12 development of rules allowing an individual with a
13 four-year degree in either health, business, or human
14 services who has passed the national administrator
15 board examination to obtain a one-year temporary
16 nursing home administrator license and to work under
17 the supervision of a licensed nursing home
18 administrator while obtaining a permanent license.

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