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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to local long-term care ombudsmen and providing
2 an appropriation.

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

1 Section 1. LOCAL LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMEN —

2 APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated to the office of
3 long-term care ombudsman from the general fund of the state for
4 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30,
5 2015, the following amount or so much thereof as is necessary
6 to be used for the purposes designated:

7 To provide two additional local long-term care ombudsmen
8 including administrative support to fulfill the duties
9 specified pursuant to section 231.42:

10 \$ 257,000

11 It is the intent of the general assembly that local long-term
12 care ombudsmen protect residents and tenants of long-term care
13 facilities from abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation;
14 and focus on providing information and assistance to residents
15 and tenants in understanding and maintaining their rights
16 throughout the involuntary discharge process.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to local long-term care ombudsmen. The
21 bill makes an appropriation to the office of long-term care
22 ombudsman from the general fund of the state for fiscal year
23 2014-2015 to provide two additional local long-term care
24 ombudsmen including administrative support to fulfill the
25 duties of the local long-term care ombudsmen as specified
26 by law, focusing on providing information and support to
27 residents and tenants of long-term care facilities regarding
28 the involuntary discharge process.