

Senate File 2122 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to nursing facility security deposits.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135C.24A Nursing facility security
2 deposits.

3 1. If a nursing facility requires a security deposit
4 prior to an individual's admission to the nursing facility,
5 the nursing facility shall, within thirty days from the date
6 the individual is discharged or transferred from the nursing
7 facility, return the security deposit to the individual less
8 any charges expended in accordance with the terms of the
9 nursing facility contract.

10 2. The department shall adopt rules to implement this
11 section.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill provides that if a nursing facility requires a
16 security deposit prior to an individual's admission to the
17 nursing facility, the nursing facility shall, within 30 days
18 from the date the individual is discharged or transferred
19 from the nursing facility, return the security deposit to the
20 individual less any charges expended in accordance with the
21 terms of the nursing facility contract. The bill directs
22 the department of inspections and appeals to adopt rules to
23 implement the bill.

24 "Nursing facility" means an institution or a distinct
25 part of an institution housing three or more individuals not
26 related to the administrator or owner within the third degree
27 of consanguinity, which is primarily engaged in providing
28 health-related care and services, including rehabilitative
29 services, but which is not engaged primarily in providing
30 treatment or care for mental illness or an intellectual
31 disability, for a period exceeding 24 consecutive hours for
32 individuals who, because of a mental or physical condition,
33 require nursing care and other services in addition to room and
34 board.