

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED LONG-TERM CARE
SYSTEM TASK FORCE BILL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a state vision for the
2 long-term living system.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 231E.1 VISION FOR IOWA'S LONG-
2 TERM LIVING SYSTEM.

3 1. The general assembly finds and declares that the vision
4 for Iowa's long-term living system is to ensure all Iowans
5 access to an extensive range of high-quality, affordable, and
6 cost-effective long-term living options that maximize
7 independence, choice, and dignity for consumers.

8 2. The long-term living system should be comprehensive,
9 offering multiple services and support in home, community-
10 based, and facility-based settings; should utilize a universal
11 assessment process to ensure that such services and support
12 are delivered in the most integrated and life-enhancing
13 setting; and should ensure that such services and support are
14 provided by a well-trained, motivated workforce.

15 3. The long-term living system should exist in a
16 regulatory climate that appropriately ensures the health,
17 safety, and welfare of consumers, while not being overly
18 restrictive or inflexible.

19 4. The long-term living system should sustain existing
20 informal care systems including family, friends, volunteers,
21 and community resources; should encourage innovation through
22 the use of technology and new delivery and financing models,
23 including housing; should provide incentives to consumers for
24 private financing of long-term living services and support;
25 and should allow Iowans to live independently as long as they
26 desire.

27 5. Information regarding all components of the long-term
28 living system should be effectively communicated to all
29 persons potentially impacted by the need for long-term living
30 services and support in order to empower consumers to plan,
31 evaluate, and make decisions about how best to meet their own
32 long-term living needs.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill establishes a state vision for the long-term
35 living system in Iowa. The system is to ensure all Iowans

1 access to an extensive range of high-quality, affordable, and
2 cost-effective long-term living options that maximize
3 independence, choice, and dignity. The system is to be
4 comprehensive, utilize a universal assessment process, and
5 ensure that services and support are provided by a well-
6 trained, motivated workforce. The bill directs that the long-
7 term living system exist in a regulatory climate that
8 appropriately ensures the health, safety, and welfare of
9 consumers, while not being overly restrictive or inflexible.
10 The bill provides that the system should sustain existing
11 informal care systems, encourage innovation, provide
12 incentives to consumers for private financing of long-term
13 living services and support, and allow Iowans to live
14 independently as long as they desire. The bill directs that
15 information regarding all components of the long-term living
16 system should be effectively communicated to all persons
17 potentially impacted by the need for long-term living services
18 and support in order to empower consumers to plan, evaluate,
19 and make decisions about how best to meet their own long-term
20 living needs.

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