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By: Senator Kinard

SENATE BILL 283

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 468 OF 1983 [ARK. STAT. 82-2219.1] TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF LONG TERM CARE TO ESTABLISH A RANKING OF LICENSED FACILITIES TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC IN SELECTING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF CARE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 468 of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statute 82-2219.1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. (A) When the Office of Long Term Care of the Division of Economic and Medical Services of the Department of Human Services finds, upon inspection and investigation, that any nursing home has committed two (2) violations constituting Class 'A' or Class 'B' violations as defined in Section 4 of Act 28 of 1979, as amended, during any twelve (12) month period, the Office of Long Term Care shall so notify the various news media within the county wherein the nursing home is located and shall advise the media that a complete record of the inspection and investigation will be available for public inspection at the Office of Long Term Care. Provided, no information shall be made available which will identify any resident or the family of any resident of the nursing home or any person who has filed a complaint against a nursing home or against an administrator or any personnel of a nursing home, except in cases of criminal or civil litigation.

(B) The Office of Long Term Care shall establish regulations to annually rank, based on surveys performed, all licensed long term care facilities on a scale of one to four, with a one ranking meaning that minimum licensure requirements have been met and a four ranking meaning the facility exceeds licensure requirements by the criteria established in the regulations. Such annual ranking shall be made available to the public upon request to assist

the public in selecting quality care for themselves or members of their family."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

