

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

SENATE BILL 90

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5 By: Senators Fitch, Beebe, Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 20-10-213(4) TO REVISE
10 THE DEFINITION OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF LONG-
15 TERM CARE FACILITY.

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-10-213(4)(A) is amended to read as follows:

21 (4)(A) "Long-term care facility" means and shall be construed to
22 include any building, structure, agency, institution, or other place for the
23 reception, accommodation, board, care, or treatment of more than three (3) ~~or~~
24 ~~more~~ unrelated individuals who, because of age, illness, blindness, disease,
25 or physical or mental infirmity, are unable to sufficiently or properly care
26 for themselves and where for that reception, accommodation, board, care, or
27 treatment a charge is made.

29 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
30 Assembly that maintaining a safe and stable environment for the elderly and
31 infirm is a duty of this State; that the immediate passage and implementation
32 of this act is necessary to protect the health and welfare of the elderly and
33 infirm who are currently being well cared for in private homes and are at
34 imminent risk of being unjustly uprooted from their current residence; and
35 that the mental trauma, disorientation, and possible physical complications
36 that would result from their relocation would cause them to suffer irreparable

1 harm. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
2 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
3 safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If
4 the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
5 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
6 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
7 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the
8 veto.

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