

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.

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 2547

By: Representatives Pritchard, Edwards, Hardwick

By: Senator Madison

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXEMPT LIFE CARE FACILITIES AND CERTAIN
NURSING FACILITIES FROM THE STATE'S QUALITY
ASSURANCE FEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO EXEMPT LIFE CARE FACILITIES
AND CERTAIN NURSING FACILITIES FROM THE
STATE'S QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 10, Subchapter 16 is
amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

20-10-1606. Waiver for life care facilities.

(a) The Department of Human Services shall apply for a waiver of the
uniform health care related tax under 42 C.F.R. § 433.68, as in effect on
January 1, 2005, to exempt life care facilities licensed under § 23-93-201 et
seq. from the quality assurance fee and to allow adjustment of the quality
assurance fee paid by state-operated nursing facilities.

(b) Upon receiving the waiver and determining that sufficient funds
are available, the department shall discontinue collecting the quality
assurance fee from life care facilities and adjust the quality assurance fee
paid by state-operated nursing facilities pursuant to the waiver.

20-10-1607. Waiver for certain nursing facilities.

(a) The Department of Human Services shall apply for a waiver of the



1 uniform health care related tax under 42 C.F.R. § 433.68, as in effect on
2 January 1, 2005, to exempt nursing facilities licensed by the Office of Long-
3 Term Care that do not have Medicaid or Medicare certified beds from the
4 quality assurance fee and to allow adjustment of the quality assurance fee
5 paid by state-operated nursing facilities.

6 (b) Upon receiving the waiver and determining that sufficient funds
7 are available, the department shall discontinue collecting the quality
8 assurance fee from nursing facilities licensed by the Office of Long-Term
9 Care that do not have Medicaid or Medicare certified beds and adjust the
10 quality assurance fee paid by state-operated nursing facilities pursuant to
11 the waiver.

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