



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Stinebrink, BB0244 - Nursing Home Bed Access

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GENERAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Nursing home bed access

Under current law, DHS licenses nursing home beds and enforces a maximum limit on the number of these licensed beds in the state. This bill reduces that limit from 51,795 to 25,415. The bill also directs DHS to allocate 125 nursing home beds to applicants that agree to prioritize admissions of patients with complex needs and patients who have been unable to find appropriate placement at another facility.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 150.31 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

150.31 (1) (intro.) In order to enable the state to budget accurately for medical assistance and to allocate fiscal resources most appropriately, the maximum number of licensed nursing home beds statewide is ~~51,795~~ 25,415 and the maximum number of beds statewide in facilities primarily serving the developmentally disabled is 3,704. The department may adjust these limits on licensed beds as provided in subs. (2) to (6). The department shall also biennially recommend changes to this limit based on the following criteria:

SECTION 2. 150.31 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

150.31 (8) The Subject to sub. (9), the department may allocate or distribute

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nursing home beds in a manner, developed by rule, that is consistent with the criteria specified in sub. (1) (a) to (f) and s. 150.39.

SECTION 3. 150.31 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

150.31 (9) The department shall allocate 125 nursing home beds to persons that apply for the beds and agree to do all of the following:

(a) Prioritize admissions of patients with complex needs.

(b) Prioritize admissions of patients who have been unable to find appropriate placement at another facility.

(END)