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Short Title: DHHS/Update Current Inspection Practices.-AB

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Earle.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO
3 CONDUCT FOLLOW-UP MONITORING OF ADULT CARE HOMES TO ENSURE
4 COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 131D-2(b)(1a)b. reads as rewritten:

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8 (b) Licensure; inspections. –

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10 (1a) In addition to the licensing and inspection requirements mandated by
11 subdivision (1) of this subsection:

12 a. The Department shall ensure that adult care homes required to be
13 licensed by this Article are monitored for licensure compliance on a
14 regular basis. All facilities licensed under this Article and adult care
15 units in nursing homes are subject to inspections at all times by the
16 Secretary. The Division of Health Service Regulation shall inspect all
17 adult care homes and adult care units in nursing homes on an annual
18 basis, effective July 1, 2007, and thereafter. In addition, the
19 Department shall ensure that adult care homes are inspected every
20 two years to determine compliance with physical plant and life-safety
21 requirements.

22 b. The Department shall work with county departments of social
23 services to do the routine monitoring in adult care homes to ensure
24 compliance with State and federal laws, rules, and regulations in
25 accordance with policy and procedures established by the Division of
26 Health Service Regulation and to have the Division of Health Service
27 Regulation oversee this ~~monitoring and perform any required~~
28 ~~follow-up inspection monitoring.~~ The county departments of social
29 services shall document in a written report all on-site visits, including
30 monitoring visits, revisits, and complaint investigations. The county
31 departments of social services shall submit to the Division of Health
32 Service Regulation written reports of each facility visit within 20
33 working days of the visit.

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35 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

