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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING INCREASING SAFETY IN ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES.**

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

**Section 1** of the bill, with regard to the involuntary discharge of residents from an assisted living residence (residence):

- Requires a residence to provide written notice to the resident and other specified persons at least 30 days prior to the involuntary discharge;
- Requires the residence to include certain information and documentation with the written notice; and
- Establishes a process for a resident or other specified

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persons to challenge an involuntary discharge, including the ability to file a grievance with the residence, a requirement that the residence respond to the grievance, the ability to appeal to the department of public health and environment (department), and the ability to request an administrative hearing.

**Section 2** requires the state board of health (state board) to promulgate rules that:

- Require all residence administrators, on and after January 1, 2024, to meet or exceed the minimum educational, training, and experience standards established by the state board, and **section 3** establishes a fine for the residence if the residence's administrator fails to meet the standards;
- Require the residence owner or residence to conduct a check of the Colorado adult protective services data system for any person responsible for the care and welfare of residents;
- Require the residence to comply with provisions concerning involuntary discharge of residents; and
- Establish a range of fines for violations, including violations that result in harm or injury to residents.

**Section 3** removes the \$2,000 annual cap on the amount of fines that may be imposed by the department as an intermediate restriction or condition on a residence license and requires the department to impose a fine for any violation resulting in actual harm or injury to a resident. The bill allows the department to determine the amount of the fine, consistent with state board rules, based on factors listed in the bill including, in part:

- The size of the residence and the number of residents impacted by the violation;
- The actual or potential harm to one or more residents;
- Prior violations or a pattern of violations; and
- The level of fine that will deter future violations.

**Section 3** also:

- Requires the department to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a residence license if a resident is subject to mistreatment that causes injury to the resident; the residence's owner or administrator either directly caused the mistreatment or the mistreatment resulted from the administrator's failure to adequately train or supervise employees; and a directed written plan to correct the violation, in addition to the assessment of civil fines, has not or is not reasonably expected to correct the violations; and
- Permits the department to refuse to renew a license if the residence administrator does not meet or exceed the

minimum educational, training, and experience standards established by the state board.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-27-104.3 as  
3 follows:

4 **25-27-104.3. Involuntary discharge - notice - grievance process**  
5 **- appeal - hearing - definition.** (1) (a) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN  
6 SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION, AN ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE  
7 SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OF A  
8 RESIDENT AT LEAST THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
9 DISCHARGE TO:

10 (A) THE RESIDENT;

11 (B) THE RESIDENT'S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE; AND

12 (C) ANY RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON LISTED AS A CONTACT  
13 PERSON FOR THE RESIDENT OR DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF A  
14 DISCHARGE.

15 (II) WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER PROVIDING WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE  
16 RESIDENT, THE RESIDENCE SHALL SEND THE DISCHARGE NOTICE TO THE  
17 STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN AND THE LOCAL OMBUDSMAN.

18 (b) (I) AT A MINIMUM, THE NOTICE OF DISCHARGE MUST INCLUDE  
19 A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE REASON OR REASONS FOR THE  
20 INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE, INCLUDING:

21 (A) FACTS AND EVIDENCE SUPPORTING EACH REASON GIVEN BY  
22 THE RESIDENCE;

23 (B) A RECOUNTING OF EVENTS LEADING TO THE INVOLUNTARY  
24 DISCHARGE, INCLUDING INTERACTIONS WITH THE RESIDENT OVER A PERIOD  
25 OF TIME PRIOR TO THE NOTICE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO AVOID DISCHARGE

1 AND THE TIMING OF THOSE ACTIONS;

2 (C) A STATEMENT THAT THE RESIDENT OR A PERSON LISTED IN  
3 SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION        HAS THE RIGHT TO FILE A  
4 GRIEVANCE WITH THE RESIDENCE CHALLENGING THE INVOLUNTARY  
5 DISCHARGE WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE WRITTEN NOTICE, THAT  
6 THE RESIDENCE'S DESIGNEE MUST PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE GRIEVANCE  
7 WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE GRIEVANCE, AND, IF  
8 THE RESIDENT OR PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE IS DISSATISFIED WITH  
9 THE RESPONSE, THAT THE RESIDENT OR PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE  
10 MAY APPEAL TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OR THE  
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS  
12 SECTION; AND

13 (D) NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING TELEPHONE  
14 NUMBERS, ADDRESSES, AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES, FOR THE STATE  
15 LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN, THE LOCAL OMBUDSMAN, AND THE  
16 DEPARTMENT.

17 (II) IF THE RESIDENCE'S INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OF THE  
18 RESIDENT IS DUE TO A MEDICAL OR PHYSICAL CONDITION RESULTING IN A  
19 REQUIRED LEVEL OF CARE THAT CANNOT BE TREATED WITH MEDICATION  
20 OR SERVICES ROUTINELY PROVIDED BY THE RESIDENCE'S STAFF OR AN  
21 EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDER, THE NOTICE MUST ALSO INCLUDE AN  
22 ASSESSMENT BY THE RESIDENT'S PHYSICIAN OR APPLICABLE HEALTH-CARE  
23 OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER OF THE RESIDENT'S CURRENT NEEDS IN  
24 RELATION TO THE RESIDENT'S MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION.

25 (c) IF THE STATED REASON FOR THE INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OF  
26 A RESIDENT WITHOUT THIRTY DAYS' NOTICE IS BECAUSE THE RESIDENT  
27 REQUIRES A LEVEL OF CARE THAT CANNOT BE MET BY THE RESIDENCE OR

1 THE RESIDENT HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THE RESIDENT IS A DANGER TO  
2 THE RESIDENT OR OTHERS, THE RESIDENCE SHALL GIVE AS MUCH ADVANCE  
3 NOTICE AS IS REASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES PRIOR TO THE  
4 RESIDENT'S REMOVAL FROM THE RESIDENCE. THE RESIDENCE MUST STILL  
5 PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE PURSUANT  
6 TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE  
7 RESIDENT, OTHER PERSONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS  
8 SECTION, AND THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN AND THE LOCAL  
9 OMBUDSMAN. NOTWITHSTANDING THE RESIDENT'S INVOLUNTARY  
10 DISCHARGE FROM THE RESIDENCE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1)(c),  
11 THE RESIDENT MAY FILE A GRIEVANCE RELATING TO THE INVOLUNTARY  
12 DISCHARGE WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER THE RESIDENT'S RECEIPT OF  
13 THE WRITTEN NOTICE OF INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE REQUIRED PURSUANT  
14 TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (2) (a) (I) EACH ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE SHALL DESIGNATE AN  
16 INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE GRIEVANCES, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II)  
17 OF THIS SECTION, RELATING TO THE INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OF A  
18 RESIDENT.

19 (II) A RESIDENT OR ANY PERSON LISTED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I)  
20 OF THIS SECTION MAY FILE A GRIEVANCE WITH THE DESIGNEE WITHIN  
21 FOURTEEN DAYS AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE IS GIVEN TO THE RESIDENT  
22 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OR (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION CHALLENGING  
23 THE INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OF THE RESIDENT AND THE REASONS FOR  
24 THE DISCHARGE.

25 (III) A RESIDENT OR A PERSON LISTED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF  
26 THIS SECTION FILING A GRIEVANCE SHALL SUBMIT THE GRIEVANCE IN  
27 WRITING, CAUSE IT TO BE WRITTEN, OR STATE IT ORALLY TO THE DESIGNEE,

1 WITH THE PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE PROVIDING SOME EVIDENCE OF  
2 THE ORAL SUBMISSION OF THE GRIEVANCE OR A WITNESS ATTESTING TO  
3 THE ORAL SUBMISSION.

4 (b) NO LATER THAN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER A GRIEVANCE HAS  
5 BEEN SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
6 DESIGNEE SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE GRIEVANCE TO  
7 THE RESIDENT, THE PERSONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS  
8 SECTION, AND THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN AND THE LOCAL  
9 OMBUDSMAN. THE DESIGNEE'S WRITTEN RESPONSE MUST BE  
10 ACCOMPANIED BY AN ORAL EXPLANATION TO THE RESIDENT OR PERSON  
11 FILING THE GRIEVANCE IF APPROPRIATE BECAUSE OF THE MENTAL OR  
12 PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE RESIDENT OR PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE.

13 (c) THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN OR THE LOCAL  
14 OMBUDSMAN MAY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO A RESIDENT OR PERSON FILING  
15 A GRIEVANCE IN INVESTIGATING, PREPARING, AND FILING THE GRIEVANCE  
16 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) OR INVESTIGATING, PREPARING, AND  
17 FILING AN APPEAL OF THE DESIGNEE'S RESPONSE TO THE GRIEVANCE  
18 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (3) IF THE RESIDENT OR PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE IS  
20 DISSATISFIED WITH THE DESIGNEE'S WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE RESIDENT OR  
21 THE PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE MAY APPEAL TO THE DEPARTMENT  
22 FOR REVIEW OF THE DESIGNEE'S RESPONSE TO THE GRIEVANCE BY FILING  
23 THE SAME GRIEVANCE, THE ORIGINAL NOTICE AND SUPPORTING  
24 DOCUMENTATION GIVEN TO THE RESIDENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION  
25 (1)(b) OR (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE DESIGNEE'S WRITTEN RESPONSE  
26 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING  
27 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, ALONG WITH ANY ADDITIONAL

1 INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION, TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE  
2 DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S REVIEW. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
3 REVIEW THE GRIEVANCE AND RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO  
4 LATER THAN SIXTY DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE APPEAL, TO DETERMINE  
5 WHETHER THE INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE COMPLIES WITH THE LAW AND  
6 THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED IN THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
7 CONFER WITH OR RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE STATE LONG-TERM  
8 CARE OMBUDSMAN AND THE LOCAL OMBUDSMAN CONCERNING THE  
9 INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE.

10 (4) THE ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE SHALL NOT DISCHARGE,  
11 EXCEPT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(c) OF THIS SECTION, OR TAKE ANY  
12 PUNITIVE OR RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST A RESIDENT DUE TO THE  
13 RESIDENT FILING A GRIEVANCE OR APPEAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
14 AND SHALL CONTINUE TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING A DISCHARGE OR  
15 TRANSFER OF THE RESIDENT WHILE THE GRIEVANCE OR APPEAL TO THE  
16 DEPARTMENT IS PENDING.

17 (5) IF THE RESIDENT, THE PERSON FILING THE GRIEVANCE OR THE  
18 APPEAL, OR THE ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE  
19 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT, THAT RESIDENT,  
20 PERSON, OR RESIDENCE MAY REQUEST A HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE  
21 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4-105.

22 (6) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2023, THE STATE BOARD SHALL  
23 PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRIEVANCE PROCESS  
24 SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

25 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "DESIGNEE" MEANS THE INDIVIDUAL  
26 DESIGNATED BY THE ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE TO RECEIVE GRIEVANCES  
27 RELATING TO AN INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE OF A RESIDENT PURSUANT TO

1 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-27-104, **amend**  
3 (2) introductory portion and (2)(g); and **add (2)(l)** as follows:

4 **25-27-104. Minimum standards for assisted living residences**  
5 **- rules.** (2) ~~Rules promulgated by the State board~~ RULES PROMULGATED  
6 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section ~~shall~~ MUST include, ~~as~~ AT a  
7 minimum, ~~provisions~~ RULES requiring the following:

8 (g) That the administrator and staff of a residence:

9 (I) (A) Meet minimum educational, training, and experience  
10 standards established by the state board. ~~including a requirement that such~~  
11 ~~persons be~~

12 (B) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, THE STATE BOARD'S  
13 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ADMINISTRATORS MUST REQUIRE, AT A  
14 MINIMUM, THAT EACH ADMINISTRATOR, REGARDLESS OF THE  
15 ADMINISTRATOR'S HIRE DATE, HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR EXPERIENCE  
16 SUPERVISING THE DELIVERY OF PERSONAL CARE SERVICES THAT INCLUDES  
17 ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING OR HAS ATTAINED THE EDUCATION OR  
18 EXPERIENCE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD IN LIEU OF THAT  
19 SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE.

20 (II) ARE of good, moral, and responsible character. In making  
21 ~~such a~~ THE determination, the owner or licensee of a residence ~~may~~ SHALL  
22 have access to and shall obtain any criminal history record information  
23 from a criminal justice agency, subject to any restrictions imposed by  
24 ~~such~~ THE agency for any person responsible for the care and welfare of  
25 residents of ~~such~~ THE residence AND SHALL OBTAIN A CHECK OF THE  
26 COLORADO ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA SYSTEM PURSUANT TO  
27 SECTION 26-3.1-111 FOR ANY PERSON WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE



1 RESIDENCE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26-3.1-111 (2), WHO WILL PROVIDE  
2 DIRECT CARE TO RESIDENTS.

3 (I) THAT THE ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE COMPLY WITH THE  
4 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 25-27-104.3 CONCERNING THE INVOLUNTARY  
5 DISCHARGE OF RESIDENTS. \_\_\_\_\_

6 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-27-106, **amend**  
7 (2)(b)(I)(E) and (2)(b)(II); and **add** (4), (5), and (6) as follows:

8 **25-27-106. License denial, suspension, or revocation.**

9 (2) (b) (I) The department may impose intermediate restrictions or  
10 conditions on a licensee that may include at least one of the following:

11 (E) Paying a civil fine, ~~not to exceed two thousand dollars in a~~  
12 calendar year THE STATE BOARD SHALL NOT CAP THE AMOUNT OF FINES  
13 THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON A LICENSEE IN A CALENDAR YEAR.

14 (II) (A) If the department imposes an intermediate restriction or  
15 condition that is not a result of a life-threatening situation OR DUE TO  
16 SERIOUS INJURY OR HARM TO A RESIDENT, the licensee shall receive  
17 written notice of the restriction or condition. No later than ten days after  
18 the date the notice is received from the department, the licensee shall  
19 submit a written plan that includes the time frame for completing the plan  
20 and addresses the restriction or condition specified.

21 (B) If the department imposes an intermediate restriction or  
22 condition that is the result of a life-threatening situation OR IS DUE TO  
23 SERIOUS INJURY OR HARM TO A RESIDENT, the department shall notify the  
24 licensee in writing, by telephone, or in person during an on-site visit. The  
25 licensee shall implement the restriction or condition immediately upon  
26 receiving notice of the restriction or condition. If the department provides  
27 notice of a restriction or condition by telephone or in person, the

1 department shall send written confirmation of the restriction or condition  
2 to the licensee within two business days.

3 (4) (a) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION  
4 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION CONCERNING THE  
5 IMPOSITION OF INTERMEDIATE RESTRICTIONS OR CONDITIONS ON A  
6 LICENSEE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPOSE A FINE, IN AN AMOUNT PER  
7 VIOLATION THAT IS CALCULATED TO DETER FURTHER VIOLATIONS, FOR  
8 ANY VIOLATION RESULTING IN ACTUAL HARM OR INJURY TO A RESIDENT.  
9 THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE  
10 RESIDENCE, THE POTENTIAL FOR HARM OR INJURY TO ONE OR MORE  
11 RESIDENTS, AND WHETHER THERE IS A PATTERN OF POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL  
12 HARM OR INJURY TO RESIDENTS.

13 (II) IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF A FINE, THE DEPARTMENT  
14 MAY CONSIDER:

- 15 (A) THE HISTORY OF HARM OR INJURY AT THE RESIDENCE;
- 16 (B) THE NUMBER OF INJURIES TO RESIDENTS FOR WHICH THE CAUSE  
17 OF THE INJURY IS UNKNOWN;
- 18 (C) THE ADEQUACY OF THE RESIDENCE'S OCCURRENCE  
19 INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORTING;
- 20 (D) THE ADEQUACY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S SUPERVISION OF  
21 EMPLOYEES TO ENSURE EMPLOYEES ARE KEEPING RESIDENTS SAFE FROM  
22 HARM OR INJURY; AND
- 23 (E) THE RESIDENCE'S COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRED MANDATORY  
24 REPORTING OF THE MISTREATMENT OF RESIDENTS.

25 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE DEPARTMENT'S DISCRETION PURSUANT  
26 TO SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
27 IMPOSE A FINE, IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, FOR

1 ANY RESIDENCE THAT IS FOUND TO BE WITHOUT AN ADMINISTRATOR, ON  
2 AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE  
3 EDUCATIONAL, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE STANDARDS FOR RESIDENCE  
4 ADMINISTRATORS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO  
5 SECTION 25-27-104.

6 (5) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(III) OF THIS  
7 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUSPEND, REVOKE, OR REFUSE TO  
8 RENEW THE LICENSE OF A RESIDENCE IF:

9 (a) A RESIDENT IS SUBJECT TO MISTREATMENT, AS DEFINED IN  
10 SECTION 26-3.1-101 (7), THAT CAUSES INJURY TO THE RESIDENT;

11 (b) THE RESIDENCE'S OWNER OR ADMINISTRATOR DIRECTLY  
12 CAUSED THE MISTREATMENT OR THE MISTREATMENT RESULTED FROM THE  
13 ADMINISTRATOR'S FAILURE TO ADEQUATELY TRAIN OR SUPERVISE  
14 EMPLOYEES; AND

15 (c) A DIRECTED WRITTEN PLAN REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
16 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I)(D) OF THIS SECTION TO CORRECT THE  
17 VIOLATION, IN ADDITION TO THE ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL FINES, HAS NOT OR  
18 IS NOT REASONABLY EXPECTED TO CORRECT THE VIOLATIONS.

19 (6) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
20 REFUSE TO RENEW THE LICENSE OF A RESIDENCE IF THE RESIDENCE'S  
21 ADMINISTRATOR DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY  
22 THE STATE BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-27-104 (2)(g)(I)(B).

23 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-27-102, **amend**  
24 the introductory portion; and **add** (6.5) and (12) as follows:

25 **25-27-102. Definitions.** As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 27, unless  
26 the context otherwise requires:

27 (6.5) "LOCAL OMBUDSMAN" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET

1 FORTH IN SECTION 26-11.5-103 (2).

2 (12) "STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN" HAS THE SAME  
3 MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 26-11.5-103 (7).

4 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.