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1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 891

February 15, 1996 - Introduced by Representative KRUSICK, cosponsored by Senator GROBSCHMIDT. Referred to Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.

AN ACT ***to create*** 50.04 (2s) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring nursing homes to maintain temperatures below a specified maximum temperature.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, nursing homes are required to comply with special laws relating to their regulation, including requirements as to personnel, plans of care and patient assessment and the posting of certain notices. Violations of these laws subject nursing homes to various sanctions and penalties, including issuance of corrections orders, service of a notice of violation, request for a plan of correction and imposition of forfeitures by the department of health and social services.

This bill expands the special laws relating to regulation of nursing homes to require that a nursing home maintain a temperature of not more than 82 degrees Fahrenheit in any area of the nursing home that is used by a person who is cared for or treated in the nursing home.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 50.04 (2s) of the statutes is created to read:

50.04 **(2s)** TEMPERATURE LIMIT. A nursing home shall maintain a temperature that does not exceed 82 degrees Fahrenheit in any area of the nursing home that is used by a resident.

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