AN ACT to amend 46.036 (4) (a) and (c) of the statutes, relating to bookkeeping and audit requirements for group homes.

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

SECTION 1. 46.036 (4) (a) and (c) of the statutes are amended to read:

46.036 (4) (a) Maintain Except as provided in this subdivision, maintain a uniform double entry accounting system and a management information system which are compatible with cost accounting and control systems prescribed by the department. The department shall establish a simplified double entry bookkeeping system for use by family-operated group homes. Each purchaser shall determine whether a family-operated group home from which it purchases services shall use the double entry accounting system or the simplified system and shall include this determination in the purchase of service contract. In this paragraph, “family-operated group home” means a group home licensed under s. 48.66 for which the licensee is one or more individuals who operate not more than one group home.

(c) Unless waived by the department, provide the purchaser with a certified annual financial and compliance audit report. The audit shall follow standards that the department prescribes. A purchaser may waive the requirements of this paragraph for any family-operated group home, as defined under par. (a), from which it purchases services.