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DIGEST

Proposed law provides for the registration of personal care agencies with DHH.

Proposed law provides for the definition of "department," "personal care service agency," and "secretary."

Proposed law provides that no personal care agency may be established, operated, or reimbursed unless the agency is registered with DHH. In addition, proposed law provides that registration is only valid for one geographical location and expires on the twelfth month after the date of issuance.

Proposed law requires any personal care service agency to conduct an in-home assessment to determine the appropriate level of care before assigning a caregiver.

Proposed law requires any personal care service agency employing a certified nursing assistant to perform a face-to-face interview with the certified nursing assistant and to verify that such certified nursing assistant is certified and listed on the Certified Nurse Aide Registry and perform or have performed a criminal background check.

Proposed law requires that any personal care service agency employing a direct service worker that is not a certified nursing assistant to conduct a face-to-face interview, perform a criminal background check, and assess the skill level of the non-certified caregiver and require at least three positive references before placement.

Proposed law requires that when a personal care service agency is required to place a caregiver in a situation which requires twenty-four hour coverage the agency shall have at minimum 10 available on-call substitutes for every 100 active clients to assure the required coverage.

Proposed law provides for fines of not more than \$500 for violations of the proposed law. Each day's violations constitutes a separate offense.

Proposed law requires DHH to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act. Proposed law allows DHH to assess up to \$1000 per year in registration fees.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:2200.1 - 2200.5)