

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to grant exceptions to requirements that all licensed adult foster homes have a provider or substitute caregiver living in the home and a provider or caregiver on duty 24 hours per day.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of people allowed exceptions in the past
- Criteria people must meet before they are granted exceptions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1991, a provision commonly referred to as the “home alone” provision, was added to statute requiring a certified resident manager or substitute caregiver to be on duty 24 hours per day in adult foster homes under the jurisdiction of the Senior and Disabled Services Division of the Department of Human Services (DHS). At that time, the division served elderly and physically disabled clients. When the Department of Human Services was reorganized in 2001, references to individual divisions were replaced with a general reference to the Department of Human Services. With the change, the “home alone” provision applied to all adult foster homes under the jurisdiction of DHS and was no longer limited to adult foster homes for seniors and persons with physical disabilities. This measure will allow exemptions to the application of the “home alone” provision.