

CS/HB 491 — Teaching Nursing Homes

by Health Care Regulation Policy Council; Rep. Bogdanoff and others (CS/CS/SB 816 by Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee; Higher Education Committee and Senator Aronberg)

This bill expands the criteria for a nursing home to qualify as a teaching nursing home in order to increase the number of teaching nursing homes in this state. It reduces the minimum number of licensed beds a nursing home must have from 400 to 170 and eliminates the requirement for a formalized contractual relationship with an accredited teaching hospital. The bill provides an alternative to the requirement for a contractual relationship with a federally funded accredited geriatric research center if the nursing home operates in its own right a geriatric research center. Finally, the nursing home may possess a Gold Seal Award at the time of initial designation as a teaching nursing home in lieu of holding a valid accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 112-0