

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH60245-LN-264 (4/5)

Short Title: Incr. Pers.Care Svc.Hrs/Spec. Assist.Rates. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative England.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PERSONAL CARE SERVICE HOURS
3 FOR ADULT CARE HOME RESIDENTS, AND TO INCREASE THE
4 STATE-COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE RATE.

5 Whereas, ratios for direct care staff of one for every 20 adult care home
6 residents on first and second shifts and one staff for every 30 adult care home residents
7 on third shift are not adequate to keep residents safe; and

8 Whereas, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has stated
9 that the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance,
10 must assure that adult care home personal care service hours are comparable to
11 reimbursement for personal care services in the home; and

12 Whereas, it is the intent of the General Assembly to improve quality of care
13 in adult care homes; Now, therefore,

14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15 **SECTION 1.** Effective July 1, 2007, the Department of Health and Human
16 Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall increase the amount of allowable basic
17 personal care service hours for adult care home residents to two hours per resident per
18 day.

19 **SECTION 2.** Effective October 1, 2007, the Department of Health and
20 Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance, shall increase the State-County
21 Special Assistance rate in accordance with G.S. 131D-4.2(h) and rules adopted
22 thereunder.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.