

Senate Bill No. 962

CHAPTER 558

An act to amend Sections 1507.3, 1524, 1538, 1562, 1562.3, and 1562.4 of, to add Section 1538.55 to, and to add and repeal Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50) to Chapter 3 of Division 2 of, the Health and Safety Code, and to add and repeal Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 4684.50) to Chapter 6 of Division 4.5 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 962, Chesbro. Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs: pilot project.

Existing law, the California Community Care Facilities Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of community care and residential facilities by the State Department of Social Services. Under existing law, a violation of any of these provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor.

Existing law establishes the State Department of Developmental Services and sets forth its duties and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, administration and oversight of the state developmental centers and programs relating to persons with developmental disabilities. Existing law, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, requires the department to allocate funds to private nonprofit regional centers for the provision of community services and support for persons with developmental disabilities and their families. Violation of community care licensing provisions is a crime.

This bill would, until January 1, 2010, authorize the State Department of Social Services and the State Department of Developmental Services, to jointly establish and administer a pilot project for licensing and regulating Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs, to the extent that funds are appropriated for this purpose in the annual Budget Act, and would make conforming changes. The bill would authorize entering into a contract for independent evaluation of the program, and would require a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2009. By changing the definition of crimes provided for under the California Community Care Facilities Act, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1507.3 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1507.3. (a) A residential facility that provides care to adults may obtain a waiver from the department for the purpose of allowing a resident who has been diagnosed as terminally ill by his or her physician or surgeon to remain in the facility, or allowing a person who has been diagnosed as terminally ill by his or her physician and surgeon to become a resident of the facility if that person is already receiving hospice services and would continue to receive hospice services without disruption if he or she became a resident, when all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The facility agrees to retain the terminally ill resident, or accept as a resident the terminally ill person, and to seek a waiver on behalf of the individual, provided the individual has requested the waiver and is capable of deciding to obtain hospice services.

(2) The terminally ill resident, or the terminally ill person to be accepted as a resident, has obtained the services of a hospice certified in accordance with federal medicare conditions of participation and licensed pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 1725) or Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 1745).

(3) The facility, in the judgment of the department, has the ability to provide care and supervision appropriate to meet the needs of the terminally ill resident, or the terminally ill person to be accepted as a resident, and is in substantial compliance with regulations governing the operation of residential facilities that provide care to adults.

(4) The hospice has agreed to design and provide for care, services, and necessary medical intervention related to the terminal illness as necessary to supplement the care and supervision provided by the facility.

(5) An agreement has been executed between the facility and the hospice regarding the care plan for the terminally ill resident, or the terminally ill person to be accepted as a resident. The care plan shall designate the primary caregiver, identify other caregivers, and outline the tasks the facility is responsible for performing and the approximate frequency with which they shall be performed. The care plan shall specifically limit the facility's role for care and supervision to those tasks authorized for a residential facility under this chapter.

(6) The facility has obtained the agreement of those residents who share the same room with the terminally ill resident, or any resident who will share a room with the terminally ill person to be accepted as a resident, to allow the hospice caregivers into their residence.

(b) At any time that the licensed hospice, the facility, or the terminally ill resident determines that the resident's condition has changed so that continued residence in the facility will pose a threat to the health and safety of the terminally ill resident or any other resident, the facility may initiate procedures for a transfer.

(c) A facility that has obtained a hospice waiver from the department pursuant to this section, or an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN) licensed pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50), need not call emergency response services at the time of a life-threatening emergency if the hospice agency is notified instead and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The resident is receiving hospice services from a licensed hospice agency.

(2) The resident has completed an advance directive, as defined in Section 4605 of the Probate Code, requesting to forego resuscitative measures.

(3) The facility has documented that facility staff have received training from the hospice agency on the expected course of the resident's illness and the symptoms of impending death.

(d) Nothing in this section is intended to expand the scope of care and supervision for a residential facility, as defined in this chapter, that provides care to adults nor shall a facility be required to alter or extend its license in order to retain a terminally ill resident, or allow a terminally ill person to become a resident of the facility, as authorized by this section.

(e) Nothing in this section shall require any care or supervision to be provided by the residential facility beyond that which is permitted in this chapter.

(f) Nothing in this section is intended to expand the scope of life care contracts or the contractual obligation of continuing care retirement communities as defined in Section 1771.

(g) The department shall not be responsible for the evaluation of medical services provided to the resident by the hospice and shall have no liability for the independent acts of the hospice.

(h) The department, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, shall develop and expedite implementation of regulations related to residents who have been diagnosed as terminally ill who remain in the facility and who are nonambulatory that ensure resident safety but also provide flexibility to allow residents to remain in the least restrictive environment.

(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve a licensed residential facility that provides care to adults of its responsibility, for purposes of allowing a resident who has been diagnosed as terminally ill to remain in the facility, to do both of the following:

(1) With regard to any resident who is bedridden, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1566.45, to, within 48 hours of the resident's retention in the facility, notify the local fire authority with jurisdiction in the bedridden resident's location of the estimated length of time the resident will retain his or her bedridden status in the facility.

(2) Secure a fire clearance approval from the city or county fire department, fire district, or any other local agency providing fire protection services, or the State Fire Marshal, whichever has primary fire protection jurisdiction.

(j) The requirement in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) to obtain a waiver, and the requirement in paragraph (1) of subdivision (i) to notify the local fire authority, shall not apply to a facility licensed as an ARFPSHN pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50).

SEC. 1.5. Section 1524 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1524. A license shall be forfeited by operation of law when one of the following occurs:

(a) The licensee sells or otherwise transfers the facility or facility property, except when change of ownership applies to transferring of stock when the facility is owned by a corporation, and when the transfer of stock does not constitute a majority change of ownership.

(b) The licensee surrenders the license to the department.

(c) The licensee moves a facility from one location to another. The department shall develop regulations to ensure that the facilities are not charged a full licensing fee and do not have to complete the entire application process when applying for a license for the new location.

(d) The licensee is convicted of an offense specified in Section 220, 243.4, or 264.1, or paragraph (1) of Section 273a, Section 273d, 288, or 289 of the Penal Code, or is convicted of another crime specified in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5 of the Penal Code.

(e) The licensee dies. If an adult relative notifies the department of his or her desire to continue operation of the facility and submits an application, the department shall expedite the application. The department shall promulgate regulations for expediting applications submitted pursuant to this subdivision.

(f) The licensee abandons the facility.

(g) When the certification issued by the State Department of Developmental Services to a licensee of an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs, licensed pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50), is rescinded.

SEC. 2. Section 1538 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1538. (a) Any person may request an inspection of any community care facility or certified family home in accordance with this chapter by transmitting to the state department notice of an alleged violation of applicable requirements prescribed by statutes or regulations of this state, including, but not limited to, a denial of access of any person authorized to enter the facility pursuant to Section 9701 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. A complaint may be made either orally or in writing.

(b) The substance of the complaint shall be provided to the licensee or certified family home and foster family agency no earlier than at the time of the inspection. Unless the complainant specifically requests otherwise, neither the substance of the complaint provided the licensee or certified family home and foster family agency nor any copy of the complaint or any record published, released, or otherwise made available to the licensee or certified family home and foster family agency shall disclose the name

of any person mentioned in the complaint except the name of any duly authorized officer, employee, or agent of the state department conducting the investigation or inspection pursuant to this chapter.

(c) Upon receipt of a complaint, other than a complaint alleging denial of a statutory right of access to a community care facility or certified family home, the state department shall make a preliminary review and, unless the state department determines that the complaint is willfully intended to harass a licensee or is without any reasonable basis, it shall make an onsite inspection of the community care facility or certified family home within 10 days after receiving the complaint, except where a visit would adversely affect the licensing investigation or the investigation of other agencies. In either event, the complainant shall be promptly informed of the state department's proposed course of action.

If the department determines that the complaint is intended to harass, is without a reasonable basis, or, after a site inspection, is unfounded, then the complaint and any documents related to it shall be marked confidential and shall not be disclosed to the public. If the complaint investigation included a site visit, the licensee or certified family home and foster family agency shall be notified in writing within 30 days of the dismissal that the complaint has been dismissed.

(d) Upon receipt of a complaint alleging denial of a statutory right of access to a community care facility or certified family home, the state department shall review the complaint. The complainant shall be notified promptly of the state department's proposed course of action.

(e) The department shall commence performance of complaint inspections of certified family homes upon the employment of sufficient personnel to carry out this function, and by no later than June 30, 1999. Upon implementation, the department shall notify all licensed foster family agencies.

(f) Upon receipt of a complaint concerning the care of a client in an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs licensed pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50), the department shall notify the appropriate regional center and the State Department of Developmental Services for the purposes of investigating the complaint.

(g) Upon receipt of a complaint concerning the vendorization of an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs, the department shall notify the State Department of Developmental Services for purposes of investigating the complaint.

SEC. 3. Section 1538.55 is added to the Health and Safety Code, immediately following Section 1538.5, to read:

1538.55. (a) The licensee of an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN), licensed pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50), shall report to the department's Community Care Licensing Division, within the department's next working day and to the regional center with whom the ARFPSHN

contracts, and the State Department of Developmental Services, within 24 hours upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (1) The death of any client from any cause.
 - (2) The use of an automated external defibrillator.
 - (3) Any injury to any client that requires medical treatment.
 - (4) Any unusual incident that threatens the physical or emotional health or safety of any client.
 - (5) Any suspected physical or psychological abuse of any client.
 - (6) Epidemic outbreaks.
 - (7) Poisonings.
 - (8) Catastrophes.
 - (9) Fires or explosions that occur in or on the premises.
- (b) The licensee additionally shall submit a written report to the department's Community Care Licensing Division, the regional center with whom the ARFPSHN contracts, and the State Department of Developmental Services within seven days following any event set forth in subdivision (a), and shall include the following:
- (1) Client's name, age, sex, and date of admission.
 - (2) The date and nature of event.
 - (3) The attending physician's name, findings, and treatment, if any.
 - (4) The disposition of the case.
- (c) The department's Community Care Licensing Division shall notify the State Department of Developmental Services upon its findings of any deficiencies or of possible actions to exclude, pursuant to Section 1558, any individual from an ARFPSHN.

SEC. 4. Section 1562 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1562. The director shall ensure that operators and staffs of community care facilities have appropriate training to provide the care and services for which a license or certificate is issued. The section shall not apply to a facility licensed as an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50).

SEC. 5. Section 1562.3 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1562.3. (a) The Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Director of Mental Health and the Director of Developmental Services, shall establish a training program to ensure that licensees, operators, and staffs of adult residential facilities, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1502, have appropriate training to provide the care and services for which a license or certificate is issued. The training program shall be developed in consultation with provider organizations.

(b) (1) An administrator of an adult residential care facility, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1502, shall successfully complete a department approved certification program pursuant to subdivision (c) prior to employment.

(2) In those cases where the individual is both the licensee and the administrator of a facility, the individual shall comply with both the licensee and administrator requirements of this section.

(3) Failure to comply with this section shall constitute cause for revocation of the license of the facility.

(4) The licensee shall notify the department within 30 days of any change in administrators.

(c) (1) The administrator certification program shall require a minimum of 35 hours of classroom instruction that provides training on a uniform core of knowledge in each of the following areas:

(A) Laws, regulations, and policies and procedural standards that impact the operations of the type of facility for which the applicant will be an administrator.

(B) Business operations.

(C) Management and supervision of staff.

(D) Psychosocial needs of the facility residents.

(E) Community and support services.

(F) Physical needs for facility residents.

(G) Use, misuse, and interaction of medication commonly used by facility residents.

(H) Resident admission, retention, and assessment procedures.

(I) Nonviolent crisis intervention for administrators.

(2) The requirement for 35 hours of classroom instruction pursuant to this subdivision shall not apply to persons who were employed as administrators prior to July 1, 1996. A person holding the position of administrator of an adult residential facility on June 30, 1996, shall file a completed application for certification with the department on or before April 1, 1998. In order to be exempt from the 35-hour training program and the test component, the application shall include documentation showing proof of continuous employment as the administrator of an adult residential facility between, at a minimum, June 30, 1994, and June 30, 1996. An administrator of an adult residential facility who became certified as a result of passing the department-administered challenge test, that was offered between October 1, 1996, and December 23, 1996, shall be deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of this paragraph.

(3) Unless an extension is granted to the applicant by the department, an applicant for an administrator's certificate shall, within 60 days of the applicant's completion of classroom instruction, pass the written test provided in this section.

(d) The department shall not begin the process of issuing a certificate until receipt of all of the following:

(1) A certificate of completion of the administrator training required pursuant to this chapter.

(2) The fee required for issuance of the certificate. A fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) shall be charged by the department to cover the costs of processing the application for certification.

(3) Documentation from the applicant that he or she has passed the written test.

(4) Submission of fingerprints. The department and the Department of Justice shall expedite the criminal record clearance for holders of certificates of completion. The department may waive the submission for those persons who have a current clearance on file.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person not certified under this section to hold himself or herself out as a certified administrator of an adult residential facility. Any person willfully making any false representation as being a certified administrator is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(f) (1) Certificates issued under this section shall be renewed every two years and renewal shall be conditional upon the certificate holder submitting documentation of completion of 40 hours of continuing education related to the core of knowledge specified in subdivision (c). For purposes of this section, an individual who is an adult residential facility administrator and who is required to complete the continuing education hours required by the regulations of the State Department of Developmental Services, and approved by the regional center, shall be permitted to have up to 24 of the required continuing education course hours credited toward the 40-hour continuing education requirement of this section. Community college course hours approved by the regional centers shall be accepted by the department for certification.

(2) Every licensee and administrator of an adult residential facility is required to complete the continuing education requirements of this subdivision.

(3) Certificates issued under this section shall expire every two years, on the anniversary date of the initial issuance of the certificate, except that any administrator receiving his or her initial certification on or after January 1, 1999, shall make an irrevocable election to have his or her recertification date for any subsequent recertification either on the date two years from the date of issuance of the certificate or on the individual's birthday during the second calendar year following certification. The department shall send a renewal notice to the certificate holder 90 days prior to the expiration date of the certificate. If the certificate is not renewed prior to its expiration date, reinstatement shall only be permitted after the certificate holder has paid a delinquency fee equal to three times the renewal fee and has provided evidence of completion of the continuing education required.

(4) To renew a certificate, the certificate holder shall, on or before the certificate expiration date, request renewal by submitting to the department documentation of completion of the required continuing education courses and pay the renewal fee of one hundred dollars (\$100), irrespective of receipt of the department's notification of the renewal. A renewal request postmarked on or before the expiration of the certificate is proof of compliance with this paragraph.

(5) A suspended or revoked certificate is subject to expiration as provided for in this section. If reinstatement of the certificate is approved

by the department, the certificate holder, as a condition precedent to reinstatement, shall submit proof of compliance with paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (f) and shall pay a fee in an amount equal to the renewal fee, plus the delinquency fee, if any, accrued at the time of its revocation or suspension. Delinquency fees, if any, accrued subsequent to the time of its revocation or suspension and prior to an order for reinstatement, shall be waived for one year to allow the individual sufficient time to complete the required continuing education units and to submit the required documentation. Individuals whose certificates will expire within 90 days after the order for reinstatement may be granted a three-month extension to renew their certificates during which time the delinquency fees shall not accrue.

(6) A certificate that is not renewed within four years after its expiration shall not be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated except upon completion of a certification training program, passing any test that may be required of an applicant for a new certificate at that time, and paying the appropriate fees provided for in this section.

(7) A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be charged for the reissuance of a lost certificate.

(8) A certificate holder shall inform the department of his or her employment status within 30 days of any change.

(g) The certificate shall be considered forfeited under the following conditions:

(1) The administrator has had a license revoked, suspended, or denied as authorized under Section 1550.

(2) The administrator has been denied employment, residence, or presence in a facility based on action resulting from an administrative hearing pursuant to Section 1522 or Section 1558.

(h) (1) The department, in consultation with the State Department of Mental Health and the State Department of Developmental Services, shall establish, by regulation, the program content, the testing instrument, the process for approving certification training programs, and criteria to be used in authorizing individuals, organizations, or educational institutions to conduct certification training programs and continuing education courses. These regulations shall be developed in consultation with provider organizations, and shall be made available at least six months prior to the deadline required for certification. The department may deny vendor approval to any agency or person in any of the following circumstances:

(A) The applicant has not provided the department with evidence satisfactory to the department of the ability of the applicant to satisfy the requirements of vendorization set out in the regulations adopted by the department pursuant to subdivision (i).

(B) The applicant person or agency has a conflict of interest in that the person or agency places its clients in adult residential facilities.

(C) The applicant public or private agency has a conflict of interest in that the agency is mandated to place clients in adult residential facilities

and to pay directly for the services. The department may deny vendorization to this type of agency only as long as there are other vendor programs available to conduct the certification training programs and conduct education courses.

(2) The department may authorize vendors to conduct the administrator's certification training program pursuant to provisions set forth in this section. The department shall conduct the written test pursuant to regulations adopted by the department.

(3) The department shall prepare and maintain an updated list of approved training vendors.

(4) The department may inspect certification training programs and continuing education courses to determine if content and teaching methods comply with regulations. If the department determines that any vendor is not complying with the intent of this section, the department shall take appropriate action to bring the program into compliance, which may include removing the vendor from the approved list.

(5) The department shall establish reasonable procedures and timeframes not to exceed 30 days for the approval of vendor training programs.

(6) The department may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) every two years to certification program vendors for review and approval of the initial 35-hour training program pursuant to subdivision (c). The department may also charge the vendor a fee not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) every two years for the review and approval of the continuing education courses needed for recertification pursuant to this subdivision.

(i) This section shall be operative upon regulations being adopted by the department, no later than July 1, 1996, to implement the administrator certification program as provided for in this section. If regulations are not adopted by the department, or are adopted after July 1, 1996, this section shall not become operative.

(j) The department shall establish a registry for holders of certificates that shall include, at a minimum, information on employment status and criminal record clearance.

SEC. 6. Section 1562.4 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

1562.4. Any person who becomes an administrator of an adult residential facility, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 1502, on or after July 1, 1996, shall, at a minimum, fulfill all of the following requirements:

(a) Be at least 21 years of age.

(b) Provide documentation of having successfully completed a certification program approved by the department and successfully passing the state examination.

(c) Have a high school diploma or pass a general educational development test as described in Article 3 (commencing with Section 51420) of Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Education Code.

(d) Obtain a criminal record clearance as provided for in Sections 1522 and 1522.03.

SEC. 7. Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50) is added to Chapter 3 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

Article 9. Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs: Licensing

1567.50. (a) Notwithstanding that a community care facility means a place that provides nonmedical care under subdivision (a) of Section 1502, pursuant to Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 4684.50) of Chapter 6 of Division 4.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the department shall jointly implement with the State Department of Developmental Services a pilot project to test the effectiveness of providing special health care and intensive support services to adults in homelike community settings.

(b) The State Department of Social Services may license, subject to the following conditions, an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs to provide 24-hour services to up to five adults with developmental disabilities who have special health care and intensive support needs, as defined in subdivisions (f) and (g) of Section 4684.50 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(1) The State Department of Developmental Services shall be responsible for granting the certificate of program approval for an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN). The State Department of Social Services shall not issue a license unless the applicant has obtained a certification of program approval from the State Department of Developmental Services.

(2) The State Department of Social Services shall ensure that the ARFPSHN meets the administration requirements under Article 2 (commencing with Section 1520) including, but not limited to, requirements relating to fingerprinting and criminal records under Section 1522.

(3) The State Department of Social Services shall administer employee actions under Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 1558).

(4) The regional center shall monitor and enforce compliance of the program and health and safety requirements, including monitoring and evaluating the quality of care and intensive support services. The State Department of Developmental Services shall ensure that the regional center performs these functions.

(5) The State Department of Developmental Services may decertify any ARFPSHN that does not comply with program requirements. When the State Department of Developmental Services determines that urgent action is necessary to protect clients of the ARFPSHN from physical or mental abuse, abandonment, or any other substantial threat to their health and safety, the State Department of Developmental Services may request the regional center or centers to remove the clients from the ARFPSHN or

direct the regional center or centers to obtain alternative services for the consumers within 24 hours.

(6) The State Department of Social Services may initiate proceedings for temporary suspension of the license pursuant to Section 1550.5.

(7) The State Department of Developmental Services, upon its decertification, shall inform the State Department of Social Services of the licensee's decertification, with its recommendation concerning revocation of the license, for which the State Department of Social Services may initiate proceedings pursuant to Section 1550.

(8) The State Department of Developmental Services and the regional centers shall provide the State Department of Social Services all available documentation and evidentiary support necessary for any enforcement proceedings to suspend the license pursuant to Section 1550.5, to revoke or deny a license pursuant to Section 1551, or to exclude an individual pursuant to Section 1558.

(9) The State Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the State Department of Developmental Services to outline a formal protocol to address shared responsibilities, including monitoring responsibilities, complaint investigations, administrative actions, and closures.

(10) The licensee shall provide documentation that, in addition to the administrator requirements set forth under paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 4684.63 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the administrator, prior to employment, has completed a minimum of 35 hours of initial training in the general laws, regulations and policies and procedural standards applicable to facilities licensed by the State Department of Social Services under Article 2 (commencing with Section 1520). Thereafter, the licensee shall provide documentation every two years that the administrator has completed 40 hours of continuing education in the general laws, regulations and policies and procedural standards applicable to adult residential facilities. The training specified in this section shall be provided by a vendor approved by the State Department of Social Services and the cost of the training shall be borne by the administrator or licensee.

(c) The article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute extends or deletes that date.

(d) This article shall only be implemented to the extent that funds are made available through an appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

SEC. 8. Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 4684.50) is added to Chapter 6 of Division 4.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

Article 3.5. Adult Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Health Care Needs: Pilot Program

4684.50. (a) (1) “Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN)” means any adult residential facility that provides 24-hour health care and intensive support services in a homelike setting that is licensed to serve up to five adults with developmental disabilities as defined in Section 4512.

(2) For purposes of this article, an ARFPSHN may be established in a facility financed pursuant to Section 4688.5.

(b) “Consultant” means a person professionally qualified by training and experience to give expert advice, information, training, or to provide health-related assessments and interventions specified in a consumer’s individual health care plan.

(c) “Direct care personnel” means all personnel who directly provide program or nursing services to consumers. Administrative and licensed personnel shall be considered direct care personnel when directly providing program or nursing services to clients. Consultants shall not be considered direct care personnel.

(d) “Individual health care plan” means the plan that identifies and documents the health care and intensive support service needs of a consumer.

(e) “Individual health care plan team” means those individuals who develop, monitor, and revise the individual health care plan for consumers residing in an Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs. The team shall, at a minimum, be composed of all of the following individuals:

(1) Regional center service coordinator and other regional center representative, as necessary.

(2) Consumer, and, where appropriate, his or her parents, legal guardian or conservator, or authorized representative.

(3) Consumer’s primary care physician, or other physician as designated by the regional center.

(4) ARFPSHN administrator.

(5) ARFPSHN registered nurse.

(6) Others deemed necessary for developing a comprehensive and effective plan.

(f) “Intensive support needs” means the consumer requires physical assistance in performing four or more of the following activities of daily living:

(1) Eating.

(2) Dressing.

(3) Bathing.

(4) Transferring.

(5) Toileting.

(6) Continence.

(g) “Special health care needs” means the consumer has health conditions that are predictable and stable, as determined by the individual health care plan team, and for which the individual requires nursing supports for any of the following types of care:

- (1) Nutrition support, including total parenteral feeding and gastrostomy feeding, and hydration.
- (2) Cardiorespiratory monitoring.
- (3) Oxygen support, including continuous positive airway pressure and bilevel positive airway pressure, and use of other inhalation-assistive devices.
- (4) Nursing interventions for tracheostomy care and suctioning.
- (5) Nursing interventions for colostomy, ileostomy, or other medical or surgical procedures.
- (6) Special medication regimes including injection and intravenous medications.
- (7) Management of insulin-dependent diabetes.
- (8) Manual fecal impaction, removal, enemas, or suppositories.
- (9) Indwelling urinary catheter/catheter procedure.
- (10) Treatment for staphylococcus infection.
- (11) Treatment for wounds or pressure ulcers (stages 1 and 2).
- (12) Postoperative care and rehabilitation.
- (13) Pain management and palliative care.
- (14) Renal dialysis.

4684.53. (a) The State Department of Developmental Services and the State Department of Social Services shall jointly implement a pilot project to test the effectiveness of providing special health care and intensive support services to adults in homelike community settings.

(b) The pilot project shall be implemented through the following regional centers only:

- (1) The San Andreas Regional Center.
- (2) The Regional Center of the East Bay.
- (3) The Golden Gate Regional Center.

(c) The regional centers participating in this pilot project may contract for an aggregate total of services for no more than 120 persons in an ARFPSHN.

(d) Each ARFPSHN shall possess a community care facility license issued pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 1567.50) of Chapter 3 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, and shall be subject to the requirements of Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 80000) of Division 6 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, except for Article 8 (commencing with Section 80090).

(e) For purposes of this article, a health facility licensed pursuant to subdivision (e) or (h) of Section 1250 may place its licensed bed capacity in voluntary suspension for the purpose of using the facility to operate an ARFPSHN if the facility is selected to participate in the pilot project pursuant to Section 4684.58. Consistent with subdivision (a) of Section 4684.50, any facility selected to participate in the program shall be

licensed to serve up to five adults. A facility's bed capacity shall not be placed in voluntary suspension until all consumers residing in the facility under the license to be suspended have been relocated. No consumer may be relocated unless it is reflected in the consumer's individual program plan developed pursuant to Sections 4646 and 4646.5.

(f) Each ARFPSHN shall be subject to the requirements of Subchapters 5 through 9 of Chapter 1 of, and Subchapters 2 and 4 of Chapter 3 of, Division 2 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.

(g) Each ARFPSHN shall ensure that an operable automatic fire sprinkler system is installed and maintained.

(h) Each ARFPSHN shall have an operable automatic fire sprinkler system that is approved by the State Fire Marshal and that meets the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13D standard for the installation of sprinkler systems in single- and two-family dwellings and manufactured homes. A local jurisdiction shall not require a sprinkler system exceeding this standard by amending the standard or by applying standards other than NFPA 13D. A public water agency shall not interpret this section as changing the status of a facility from a residence entitled to residential water rates, nor shall a new meter or larger connection pipe be required of the facility.

(i) Each ARFPSHN shall provide an alternative power source to operate all functions of the facility for a minimum of six hours in the event the primary power source is interrupted. The alternative power source shall comply with Section 517-50 of the California Electric Code. The alternative power source shall be maintained in safe operating condition, and shall be tested every 14 days under the full load condition for a minimum of 10 minutes. Written records of inspection, performance, exercising period, and repair of the alternative power source shall be regularly maintained on the premises and available for inspection by the State Department of Developmental Services.

4684.55. (a) No regional center may pay a rate to any ARFPSHN for any consumer that exceeds the average annual cost of serving a consumer at Agnews Developmental Center, as determined by the State Department of Developmental Services.

(b) The payment rate for ARFPSHN services shall be negotiated between the regional center and the ARFPSHN, and shall be paid by the regional center under the service code "Specialized Residential Facility (Habilitation)."

(c) The established rate for a full month of service shall be made by the regional center when a consumer is temporarily absent from the ARFPSHN 14 days or less per month. When the consumer's temporary absence is due to the need for inpatient care in a health facility, as defined in subdivision (a), (b), or (c) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, the regional center shall continue to pay the established rate as long as no other consumer occupies the vacancy created by the consumer's temporary absence, or until the individual health care plan team has determined that the consumer will not return to the facility. In all other

cases, the established rate shall be prorated for a partial month of service by dividing the established rate by 30.44 then by multiplying the quotient by the number of days the consumer resided in the facility.

4684.58. The regional center may recommend for participation, the State Department of Developmental Services, an applicant for this pilot project when the applicant meets all of the following requirements and has been selected through a request for proposals process issued by one or more of the three participating regional centers:

(a) The applicant employs or contracts with a program administrator who has a successful record of administering residential services for at least two years, as evidenced by substantial compliance with the applicable state licensing requirements.

(b) The applicant prepares and submits, to the regional center, a complete facility program plan that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The total number of the consumers to be served.
- (2) A profile of the consumer population to be served, including their health care and intensive support needs.
- (3) A description of the program components, including a description of the health care and intensive support services to be provided.
- (4) A week's program schedule, including proposed consumer day and community integration activities.
- (5) A week's proposed program staffing pattern, including licensed, unlicensed, and support personnel and the number and distribution of hours for such personnel.
- (6) An organizational chart, including identification of lead and supervisory personnel.
- (7) The consultants to be utilized, including their professional disciplines and hours to be worked per week or month, as appropriate.
- (8) The plan for accessing and retaining consultant and health care services, including assessments, in the areas of physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, speech pathology, audiology, pharmacy, dietary/nutrition, dental, and other areas required for meeting the needs identified in consumers' individual health care plans.
- (9) A description, including the size, layout, location, and condition of the proposed home.
- (10) A description of the equipment and supplies available, or to be obtained, for programming and care.
- (11) The type, location, and response time of emergency medical service personnel.
- (12) The in-service training program plan for at least the next 12 months.
- (13) The plan for ensuring that outside services are coordinated, integrated, and consistent with those provided by the ARFPSHN.
- (14) Written certification that an alternative power system required by subdivision (i) of Section 4684.53 meets the manufacturer's recommendations for installation and operation.

(c) Submits a proposed budget itemizing direct and indirect costs, total costs, and the rate for services.

(d) Certifies, in writing, that the applicant has the ability to comply with all of the requirements of Section 1520 of the Health and Safety Code.

(e) The regional center shall provide all documentation specified in subdivisions (b) to (d), inclusive, of Section 4684.58 and a letter recommending program certification to the State Department of Developmental Services.

(f) The State Department of Developmental Services shall either approve or deny the recommendation and transmit its written decision to the regional center and to the State Department of Social Services within 30 days of its decision. The decision of the State Department of Developmental Services not to approve an application for program certification shall be the final administrative decision.

(g) Any change in the ARFPSHN operation that alters the contents of the approved program plan shall be reported to the State Department of Developmental Services and the contracting regional center, and approved by both agencies, prior to implementation.

4684.60. The vendoring regional center shall, before placing any consumer into an ARFPSHN, ensure that the ARFPSHN has a license issued by the State Department of Social Services for not more than five adults and a contract with the regional center that includes, at a minimum, all of the following:

(a) The names of the regional center and the licensee.

(b) The purpose of the pilot project.

(c) A requirement that the contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations, including Section 4681.1.

(d) The effective date and termination date of the contract.

(e) A requirement that, under no circumstances, shall the contract extend beyond the stated termination date, which shall not be longer than the pilot legislation end date of January 1, 2010.

(f) The definition of terms.

(g) A requirement that the execution of any amendment or modification to the contract be in accordance with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations and be by mutual agreement of both parties.

(h) A requirement that the licensee and the agents and employees of the licensee, in the performance of the contract, shall act in an independent capacity, and not as officers or employees or agents of the regional center.

(i) A requirement that the assignment of the contract for consumer services shall not be allowed.

(j) The rate of payment per consumer.

(k) Incorporation, by reference, of the ARFPSHN's approved program plan.

(l) A requirement that the contractor verify, and maintain for the duration of the project, possession of commercial general liability insurance in the amount of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence.

(m) Contractor performance criteria.

(n) An agreement to provide, to the evaluation contractor engaged pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 4684.74, all information necessary for evaluating the project.

4684.63. (a) Each ARFPSHN shall do all of the following:

(1) Meet the minimum requirements for a Residential Facility Service Level 4-i pursuant to Sections 56004 and 56013 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, and ensure that all of the following conditions are met:

(A) That a licensed registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, or licensed psychiatric technician, is awake and on duty 24-hours per day, seven days per week.

(B) That a licensed registered nurse is awake and on duty at least eight hours per person, per week.

(C) That at least two staff on the premises are awake and on duty when providing care to four or more consumers.

(2) Ensure the consumer remains under the care of a physician at all times and is examined by the primary care physician at least once every 60 days, or more often if required by the consumer's individual health care plan.

(3) Ensure that an administrator is on duty at least 20 hours per week to ensure the effective operation of the ARFPSHN.

(4) The administrator shall have at least one year of administrative and supervisory experience in a licensed residential program for persons with developmental disabilities and shall meet one or more of the following qualifications:

(A) Be a licensed registered nurse.

(B) Be a licensed nursing home administrator.

(C) Be a licensed psychiatric technician with at least five years of experience serving individuals with developmental disabilities.

(D) Be an individual with a bachelors degree in the health or human services field and two years experience working in a licensed residential program for persons with developmental disabilities and special health care needs.

(b) The regional center may require an ARFPSHN to provide additional professional, administrative, or supportive personnel whenever the regional center determines, in consultation with the individual health care plan team, that additional personnel are needed to provide for the health and safety of consumers.

(c) ARFPSHNs may utilize appropriate staff from Agnews Developmental Center.

(d) All direct care personnel shall be subject to the training requirements specified in Section 4695.2.

4684.65. (a) A regional center shall not place, or fund the placement for, any consumer in an ARFPSHN until the individual health care plan team has prepared a written individual health care plan that can be fully and immediately implemented upon the consumer's placement.

(b) (1) An ARFPSHN shall only accept, for initial admission, consumers who meet the following requirements:

(A) Reside at Agnews Developmental Center at the time of the proposed placement.

(B) Have an individual program plan that specifies placement in an ARFPSHN.

(C) Have special health care and intensive support needs.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), when a vacancy in an ARFPSHN occurs due to the permanent relocation or death of a resident, the vacancy may only be filled by a consumer who meets the requirements of paragraph (1).

(3) If there is no resident residing at Agnews Developmental Center who meets the requirements of subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1), a vacancy may be filled by a consumer who is residing at another developmental center or who is at risk of placement into a developmental center, as determined by the regional center, and who meets the requirements of subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1).

(c) The ARFPSHN shall not admit a consumer if the individual health care plan team determines that the consumer is likely to exhibit behaviors posing a threat of substantial harm to others, or has a serious health condition that is unpredictable or unstable. A determination that the individual is a threat to others may only be based on objective evidence or recent behavior and a determination that the threat cannot be mitigated by reasonable interventions.

4684.68. (a) The individual health care plan shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

(1) An evaluation of the consumer's current health.

(2) A description of the consumer's ability to perform the activities of daily living.

(3) A list of all current prescription and nonprescription medications the consumer is using.

(4) A list of all health care and intensive support services the consumer is currently receiving or may need upon placement in the ARFPSHN.

(5) A written statement from the consumer's primary care physician familiar with the health care needs of the consumer, or other physician as designated by the regional center, that the consumer's medical condition is predictable and stable, and that the consumer's level of care is appropriate for the ARFPSHN.

(6) Provision for the consumer to be examined by his or her primary care physician at least once every 60 days, or more frequently if indicated.

(7) A list of the appropriate professionals assigned to provide the health care as described in the plan.

(8) A description of, and plan for providing, any training required for all direct care personnel to meet individuals' needs.

(9) The name of the individual health care plan team member, and an alternate designee, who is responsible for day-to-day monitoring of the consumer's health care plan and ensuring its implementation as written.

(10) Identification of the legally authorized representative to make health care decisions on the consumer's behalf, if the consumer lacks the capacity to give informed consent.

(11) The name and telephone number of the person or persons to notify in case of an emergency.

(12) The next meeting date of the individual health care plan team, which shall be at least every six months, to evaluate and update the individual health care plan.

(b) In addition to Section 80075 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, the ARFPSHN shall comply with all of the following requirements:

(1) Medications shall be given only on the order of a person lawfully authorized to prescribe.

(2) Medications shall be administered as prescribed and shall be recorded in the consumer record. The name and title of the person administering the medication or treatment, and the date, time, and dosage of the medication administered shall be recorded. Initials may be used provided the signature of the person administering the medication or treatment is recorded on the medication or treatment record.

(3) Preparation of dosages for more than one scheduled administration time shall not be permitted.

(4) Persons administering medications shall confirm each consumer's identity prior to the administration.

(5) Medications shall be administered within two hours after dosages are prepared and shall be administered by the same person who prepared the dosages. Dosages shall be administered within one hour of the prescribed time unless otherwise indicated by the prescriber.

(6) All medications shall be administered only by those persons specifically authorized to do so by their respective scope of practice.

(7) No medication shall be administered to or used by any consumer other than the consumer for whom the medication was prescribed.

(8) Medication errors and adverse drug reactions shall be recorded and reported immediately to the practitioner who ordered the drug or another practitioner responsible for the medical care of the consumer. Minor adverse reactions which are identified in the literature accompanying the product as a usual or common side effect, need not be reported to the practitioner immediately, but in all cases shall be recorded in the consumer's record. Medication errors include, but are not limited to, the failure to administer a drug ordered by a prescriber within one hour of the time prescribed, administration of any drugs other than prescribed or the administration of a dose not prescribed.

4684.70. (a) The State Department of Social Services, in administering the licensing program, shall not have any responsibility for evaluating consumers' level of care or health care provided by ARFPSHN. Any suspected deficiencies in a consumer's level of care or health care identified by the State Department of Social Services' personnel shall be

reported immediately to the appropriate regional center and the State Department of Developmental Services for investigation.

(b) The regional center shall have responsibility for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the consumer's individual plan objectives, including, but not limited to, the health care and intensive support service needs identified in the consumer's individual health care plan and the consumer's integration and participation in community life.

(c) For each consumer placed in an ARFPSHN, the regional center shall assign a service coordinator pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 4647.

(d) A regional center licensed registered nurse shall visit, with or without prior notice, the consumer, in person, at least monthly in the ARFPSHN, or more frequently if specified in the consumer's individual health care plan. At least four of these visits, annually, shall be unannounced.

(e) The State Department of Developmental Services shall monitor and ensure the regional centers' compliance with the requirements of this article. The monitoring shall include onsite visits to all the ARFPSHNs at least every six months for the duration of the pilot project.

4684.73. (a) In addition to any other contract termination provisions, a regional center may terminate its contract with an ARFPSHN when the regional center determines that the ARFPSHN is unable to maintain substantial compliance with state laws, regulations, or its contract with the regional center, or the ARFPSHN demonstrates an inability to ensure the health and safety of the consumers.

(b) The ARFPSHN may appeal a regional center's decision to terminate its contract by sending, to the executive director of the contracting regional center, a detailed statement containing the reasons and facts demonstrating why the termination is inappropriate. The appeal must be received by the regional center within 10 working days from the date of the letter terminating the contract. The executive director shall respond with his or her decision within 10 working days of the date of receipt of the appeal from the ARFPSHN. The executive director shall submit his or her decision to the State Department of Developmental Services on the same date that it is signed. The decision of the executive director shall be the final administrative decision.

(c) The Director of Developmental Services may rescind an ARFPSHN's program certification when, in his or her sole discretion, an ARFPSHN does not maintain substantial compliance with an applicable statute, regulation, or ordinance, or cannot ensure the health and safety of the consumers. The decision of the Director of Developmental Services shall be the final administrative decision. The Director of Developmental Services shall transmit his or her decision rescinding an ARFPSHN's program certification to the State Department of Social Services and the regional center with his or her recommendation as to whether to revoke the ARFPSHN's license.

(d) In addition to complying with Section 1524.1 of the Health and Safety Code, any ARFPSHN licensee that is unable to continue to provide services to consumers in the facility shall, upon the date on which a new ARFPSHN license is issued pursuant to Sections 1520 and 1525 of the Health and Safety Code, arrange with the regional center or department the transfer of all information, property, and documents related to the operation of the facility and the provision of services to the consumers. The department or the regional center shall take all steps permitted by this article to ensure that at all times the consumers who are residing in the facility receive services set forth in their individual health care plans.

4684.74. (a) By July 1, 2006, the State Department of Developmental Services shall contract with an independent agency or organization to evaluate the pilot project and prepare a written report of its findings. The scope of services for the contractor shall be jointly prepared by the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Social Services, and the State Department of Health Services and, at a minimum, shall address all of the following:

- (1) The number, business status, and location of all the ARFPSHNs.
- (2) The number and characteristics of the consumers served.
- (3) The effectiveness of the pilot project in addressing consumers' health care and intensive support needs.
- (4) The extent of consumers' community integration and satisfaction.
- (5) The consumers' access to, and quality of, community-based health care and dental services.
- (6) The types, amounts, qualifications, and sufficiency of staffing.
- (7) The overall impressions, problems encountered, and satisfaction with the ARFPSHN service model by ARFPSHN employees, regional center participants, state licensing and monitoring personnel, and consumers and families.
- (8) The costs of all direct, indirect, and ancillary services.
- (9) An analysis and summary findings of all ARFPSHN consumer special incident reports and unusual occurrences reported during the evaluation period.
- (10) The recommendations for improving the ARFPSHN service model.
- (11) The cost-effectiveness of the ARFPSHN model of care compared with other existing public and private models of care serving similar consumers.

(b) The contractor's written report shall be submitted to the State Department of Developmental Services, the State Department of Social Services, the State Department of Health Services. The State Department of Developmental Services shall submit the report to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2009.

4684.75. (a) The State Department of Developmental Services may adopt emergency regulations to implement this article. The adoption, amendment, repeal, or readoption of a regulation authorized by this section is deemed to be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

peace, health and safety, or general welfare, for purposes of Sections 11346.1 and 11349.6 of the Government Code, and the State Department of Developmental Services is hereby exempted from the requirement that it describe specific facts showing the need for immediate action. A certificate of compliance for these implementing regulations shall be filed within 24 months following the adoption of the first emergency regulations filed pursuant to this section.

(b) This article shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute extends or deletes that date.

(c) This article shall only be implemented to the extent that funds are made available through an appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

SEC. 9. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.