

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 845**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Bass, Maze, and Sharon Runner**

February 22, 2007

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An act to amend Section 1505.2 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to foster care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 845, as introduced, Bass. Foster family homes.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of community care facilities, including foster family homes, as defined.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1505.2 of the Health and Safety Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 1505.2. (a) A licensing agency may authorize a foster family  
4 home to provide 24-hour care for up to eight foster children, for  
5 the purpose of placing siblings or half siblings together in foster  
6 care. This authorization may be granted only if all of the following  
7 conditions are met:  
8 ~~(A)~~  
9 (I) The foster family home is not a specialized foster care home  
10 as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 17710 of the Welfare and  
11 Institutions Code.

1     ~~(B)~~

2     (2) The home is sufficient in size to accommodate the needs of  
3 all children in the home.

4     ~~(C)~~

5     (3) For each child to be placed, the child's placement social  
6 worker has determined that the child's needs will be met and has  
7 documented that determination.

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9     (b) *The* licensing agency may authorize a foster family home  
10 to provide 24-hour care for more than eight children only if the  
11 foster family home specializes in the care of sibling groups, that  
12 placement is solely for the purpose of placing together one sibling  
13 group that exceeds eight children, and all of the ~~above-listed~~  
14 *above-listed* conditions are met.