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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 381, L.D. 1079, “Resolve, To Support and Encourage the Expansion of Adult Family Care Services at Residential Care Facilities”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Support and Encourage the Development of an Adult Family Care Demonstration Project in Washington County'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the preamble and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to review reimbursement levels at residential care facilities. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review the reimbursement levels at residential care facilities and create a new level of reimbursement that takes into account the greater levels of care required by residents in those facilities who choose to age in place. The review must take into account the financial position of facilities in those areas of the State that have recently lost a significant number of nursing facility beds. The review may include other reviews that the department is currently undertaking with respect to the continuum of care, including, but not limited to, home-based and community-based services and residential care and future projections of need for nursing facility beds; and be it further

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a demonstration project. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a plan for a demonstration project in Washington County to establish facilities with suite-type settings. The demonstration project must take into account the needs of couples in which one or both spouses have a diagnosis of dementia; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report regarding its findings, pursuant to this resolve, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2016. The Joint

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out legislation related to
2 the report to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.'

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment removes the section increasing the number of residential care
5 facility beds from the resolve. It retains the requirement for the Department of Health
6 and Human Services to review reimbursement levels at residential care facilities but
7 allows current reviews of continuum of care to be included. Like the resolve, it requires
8 the department to develop a demonstration project in Washington County with suite-type
9 settings but clarifies that the project does not apply only to couples. It authorizes the
10 Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to report out legislation related
11 to the demonstration project and the review to the Second Regular Session of the 127th
12 Legislature. The amendment also changes the title.

13 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

14 **(See attached)**