

SB 534 -- SUPERVISION IN NURSING HOMES

SPONSOR: Cauthorn (Portwood)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Senior Security by a vote of 18 to 0.

This bill adds two new definitions to the Omnibus Nursing Home Act:

(1) "protective oversight" is defined as the 24-hour awareness of the location of a resident and the ability to intervene and supervise the nutrition, medication, and care of the resident; and

(2) "voluntary leave" is defined as an off-premise leave initiated by a competent resident or the legal guardian of an incompetent resident.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill's definitions make clear when a facility's protective oversight is released. Under current law, nursing facilities technically must send a staff member with a resident whenever that resident leaves the facility.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Stefanick; and Missouri Assisted Living Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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