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Act No. 125 (H.921). Human services; nursing homes; Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living; certificate of need

An act relating to nursing home oversight

This act creates the Nursing Home Oversight Working Group to examine the oversight of nursing homes in Vermont, including their financial stability and licensing criteria. The Working Group must report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2019 with its findings and any recommendations for legislative action. The act eliminates a requirement to obtain a certificate of need from the Green Mountain Care Board for the transfer of ownership of a nursing home. It directs the Secretary of Human Services to develop a process by which the Agency of Human Services will accept and review applications for transfers of nursing home ownership in lieu of the certificate of need process. It allows applicants who filed a letter of intent or application for a certificate of need with the Green Mountain Care Board for transfer of nursing home ownership on or before July 1, 2018 to choose to use the Agency of Human Services' process instead of continuing with the certificate of need process.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 10, 2018