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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-70—sSB 519
Aging Committee
Public Health Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING NURSING HOME STAFF ABOUT
RESIDENTS' FEAR OF RETALIATION**

SUMMARY: Existing law requires a nursing home administrator to ensure that all nursing home staff receive, from a trainer familiar with the home's patient population, annual in-service training in an area specific to the patients' needs. This act requires the training to include patients' fear of retaliation. Specifically, the training must discuss (1) patients' rights to file complaints and voice grievances, (2) examples of what constitutes or may be perceived as employee retaliation against patients, and (3) ways to prevent and alleviate patients' fear of such retaliation. The public health commissioner must make conforming changes to the Public Health Code.

The act also requires the state long-term care ombudsman to create and periodically update a training manual that provides nursing home administrators guidance on structuring and implementing this new training requirement.

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