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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 6985**

***AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME AND RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME ABANDONMENT.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits a nursing home or residential care home (RCH) from abandoning a resident. Under the bill, abandoning a resident is a class A violation. By law, a class A violation at a nursing home is punishable by a civil penalty up to \$20,000, and a class A violation at an RCH is punishable by a civil penalty up to \$5,000.

Under the bill, abandoning is (1) deserting or willfully forsaking a resident or (2) neglecting or withdrawing from duties and obligations owed to a resident.

As for other class A violations (and certain other violations) under existing law, the bill specifies that the Public Health commissioner can immediately issue a citation if a review, inspection, or investigation shows that a nursing home or RCH abandoned a resident.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13    Nay 1    (03/06/2025)