

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1825

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH (155).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 198, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to inspections of certain facilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 198, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 198.023, to read as follows:

**198.023. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "recognized accrediting
2 entity" means the joint commission or any other nationally recognized accrediting entity
3 approved by the department that has specific standards for residential care facilities
4 and assisted living facilities that are equivalent to the standards established by the
5 department under sections 198.003 to 198.096.**

**6 2. Any residential care facility or assisted living facility accredited by a
7 recognized accrediting entity may submit to the department documentation of the
8 current accreditation status of the residential care facility or assisted living facility. If a
9 residential care facility or assisted living facility submits to the department
10 documentation from a recognized accrediting entity that the residential care facility
11 or assisted living facility is accredited and in good standing with the recognized
12 accrediting entity in any year, the department shall not conduct an annual on-site
13 inspection of the residential care facility or assisted living facility as described in
14 sections 198.022, 198.525, and 198.526 for that year.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 **3. Nothing in this section prevents the department from conducting inspections**
16 **for violations of the standards or requirements contained within this chapter or any**
17 **other applicable law or regulation.**

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