

HB 7929 Posthumous charges – limit to 7 days or when property is removed.

To: Chairwoman Donovan and members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I am Dan Liparini and I am writing in support of this bill.

Currently assisted living facilities can charge a family for 30 days of service after a resident has passed away. This can be done even if the family has removed the property from that room and the room has been occupied by another resident during those 30 days. The facility is charging the new resident for the occupancy of the room and the family of the deceased for that same room. That is just wrong.

This bill would limit that charge to 7 days or when the property is removed, which makes sense. Families that have to deal with all of the other issues associated with a loved one passing away should not have to also deal with the additional financial cost of paying for service that wasn't even provided. This is especially galling when they know someone else has already been moved in and they are also paying for that same room.

I am sure some facilities may argue that this would affect their profit margins, but that is an issue for them to manage without charging people for services they are not providing.

Please support this important bill.

Dan Liparini