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ROOM AND BOARD HOMES

House Bill 4849
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Committee: Consumers

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4849 AS INTRODUCED 6-10-93

The bill would amend the Public Health Code, adding a new part (Part 122) which would define and regulate "board and room facilities" and impose criminal penalties for violations of the bill's provisions.

Definition. More specifically, the bill would define a "board and room facility" as a residential building set up for primarily nontransient shelter and sleeping accommodations for three or more unrelated people. A board and room facility would not have separate cooking facilities for individual residents, nor would it include the following: residential student housing owned or operated by a college or university, a nursing home, a home for the aged, an adult foster care facility, a bed and breakfast, or a hotel or motel.

Minimum maintenance standards. The bill would adopt by reference a set of minimum maintenance standards published by the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, and, beginning one year after the bill took effect, require that board and room facilities meet these standards.

The Department of Public Health would be able to amend these standards through the administrative rules process, and the bill would not preclude local governments or local health departments from enforcing standards more stringent than those referenced in the bill.

Penalties. A violation of the bill's provisions would be a felony punishable by imprisonment for up to two years and a fine of between \$1,000 and \$10,000.

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