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Overview

This act allows the director of nursing to also serve as the nursing home administrator in facilities of up to 45 beds. The act also allows a nursing facility in Goodhue county to have its employee pension costs treated as PERA contributions.

- 1 **Administrators.** Amends § 144A.04, subd. 5. Allows the director of nursing to also serve as the licensed nursing home administrator, in any nursing home of less than 45 beds (existing law limits this option to facilities of less than 32 beds).
- 2 **Nursing facility rate increases beginning July 1, 1999, and July 1, 2000.** Amends § 256B.431, subd. 28. For rate years beginning on or after July 1, 2000, allows a 104 bed nursing facility in Goodhue county to have its employee pension benefits costs reported in its Rule 50 cost report treated as PERA contributions, for purposes of rate setting. (This has the effect of allowing these costs to be "passed-through" and recognized when setting future rates.)