



March 22, 2019

The Honorable Cathleen Galgiani
State Capitol Room 5097
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 345 (Galgiani) Residential care facilities for the elderly: placement agencies. – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Galgiani,

I am writing to you on behalf of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) to support SB 345. CARA is California's largest grassroots senior advocacy organization, representing over 1,000,000 seniors and their families through our 270+ affiliated organizations.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of residential care facilities for the elderly by the State Department of Social Services. Existing law makes it a misdemeanor for a placement agency, as defined, to place an individual in a licensed residential care facility for the elderly when the individual, because of a health condition, cannot be cared for within the limits of the license or requires inpatient care in a health facility.

This bill would also make it a misdemeanor for an employee of a placement agency to place an individual in a licensed residential care facility for the elderly when the individual, because of a health condition, cannot be cared for within the limits of the license or requires inpatient care in a health facility. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

For these reasons, CARA strongly supports SB 345.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hene Kelly".

Hene Kelly
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