



**H.B. 649**

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(As Introduced)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires the Administrator of Workers' Compensation to use funds in the Long-Term Care Loan Fund to make loans without interest to hospitals to pay for specified equipment and training of their personnel to implement a policy of no manual lifting of patients by employees.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Long-Term Care Loan Fund Program: background law**

Currently, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation operates the Long-Term Care Loan Fund Program. The Fund, which is statutorily created in the state treasury, consists of money the Administrator of Workers' Compensation, with the advice and consent of the Workers' Compensation Oversight Commission, requests the Director of Budget and Management to transfer from the Safety and Hygiene Fund. (R.C. 4121.48(A) and (C).)

The Administrator currently must use the Program to make loans from the Fund without interest to employers that are *nursing homes* for the purpose of allowing them (1) to purchase, improve, install, or erect sit-to-stand floor lifts, ceiling lifts, other lifts, and fast electric beds and (2) to pay for the education and training of personnel, in order to implement a facility policy of no manual lifting of residents by employees. The Administrator, with the Oversight Commission's advice and consent, may adopt rules establishing criteria for loan eligibility, maximum loan amounts, loan periods, default penalties, and any other terms the Administrator considers necessary for a loan. (R.C. 4121.48(B) and (C).)

**Changes proposed by the bill**

The bill amends the Long-Term Care Loan Fund Program Law to include *hospitals* as recipients of loans under the Program, the same as nursing homes

under continuing law (R.C. 4121.48(B)). Hospitals are defined to *include* (1) public health centers and general, mental, chronic disease, and other types of hospitals, (2) related facilities such as laboratories, outpatient departments, nurses' home facilities, extended care facilities, self-care units, and central service facilities operated in connection with hospitals, and (3) education and training facilities for health professions personnel operated as an integral part of a hospital; they *do not include* any hospital furnishing primarily domiciliary care (R.C. 4121.48(D)(1) by cross-reference to R.C. 3701.01--not in the bill). Similar to nursing home loans, the loans from the Fund to hospitals must be made without interest and are to be used for the purpose of purchasing, improving, installing, or erecting sit-to-stand floor lifts, ceiling lifts, other lifts, and fast electric beds, and to pay for the education and training of personnel, in order to implement a facility policy of no manual lifting of patients by employees (R.C. 4121.48(B)).

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## HISTORY

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