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Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To require the Mayor to mandate and enforce the designation of a social worker on staff at all living facilities in the District of Columbia to provide social services especially advocacy, investigation, treatment, counseling, material aid and the social and emotional well-being of residents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Living Facility Compulsory Social Worker Designation Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term “living facilities” refers to:

(1) “Assisted Living Facilities” means an entity whether public or private, that combines housing, health, and personalized assistance for the support of individuals who are unrelated to the owner or operator of the entity;

(2) “Nursing Facilities” means a healthcare facility for patients who require 24-hour long-term nursing or rehabilitation services.

Sec. 3. Establishment of the compulsory designation of a social worker in facilities.

(a) The Mayor shall require and enforce that any living facility operating in the District of Columbia designate a social worker to serve residents of the living facility.

(b) Any social worker on staff shall provide social services especially advocacy,

33 investigation, treatment, counseling, material aid and the social and emotional well-being of  
34 residents

35           Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

36           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
37 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
38 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D. C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

39           Sec. 5. Effective date.

40           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
41 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
42 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
43 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the district of  
44 Columbia Register.