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HOUSE BILL 698
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/2/19

Short Title: Adult Care Home Accreditation Study.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO
2 STUDY THE STANDARDS FOR OBTAINING ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM
3 ACCREDITATION FROM THE ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR HEALTH
4 CARE TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ISSUING ADULT CARE HOME
5 LICENSES BASED ON ACCREDITATION AND TO REPORT TO THE JOINT
6 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services shall study the
10 standards for obtaining assisted living program accreditation from the Accreditation Commission
11 for Health Care to determine the feasibility of issuing adult care home licenses based on
12 accreditation. The Department shall determine which inspections and rules, if any, would be
13 impacted if the accreditation is used in the licensure process. In addition, the Department shall
14 evaluate application of the Star Rating Program to this potentially revised licensing process.

15 **SECTION 1.(b)** On or before March 1, 2020, the Department shall report to the Joint
16 Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services findings and recommendations,
17 including any legislative changes, on the study required by this section.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

