

SECTION 12. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR VOLUNTARY SURVEYS DURING MAJOR CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF BASIC CARE AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES - CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

1. During the 2007-09 biennium, the state department of health shall design and implement a demonstration project through which the department offers a life safety survey process for basic care facilities and long-term care facilities to access voluntarily during and at the conclusion of a construction project, renovation project, or construction and renovation project that costs more than three million dollars.
2. The department may charge a reasonable fee for a life safety survey performed under this section to cover the food, lodging, and transportation expenses of surveyors performing the surveys. Revenues derived from the fees collected under this subsection must be deposited in the state department of health's operating fund in the state treasury and are appropriated as a continuing appropriation to the state department of health for the purpose of funding the demonstration project under this section.
3. The department shall design and perform the demonstration project in a manner that will provide the surveyor who performs a life safety survey under this section does not violate the federal requirements associated with medicare certified life safety surveys. The department shall perform the demonstration project within the department's 2007-09 appropriation and staffing levels.
4. Before August 1, 2008, the department shall provide a report to the legislative council regarding the status of the demonstration project, including the feasibility and desirability of making the program permanent and whether the department will be recommending any legislation to make the program permanent.

SECTION 13. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 12 of this Act is effective through June 30, 2009, and after that date is ineffective.