

ACT 202

H.B. NO. 914

A Bill for an Act Relating to Adult Residential Care Homes.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 321-15.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

“(a) All adult residential care homes shall be licensed to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the individuals placed therein. The department shall conduct unannounced visits, other than the inspection for relicensing, to every licensed adult residential care home and expanded adult residential care home on an annual basis and at such intervals as determined by the department to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of each resident. Unannounced visits may be conducted during or outside regular business hours. All inspections relating to follow-up visits, visits to confirm correction of deficiencies, or visits to investigate complaints or suspicion of abuse or neglect shall be conducted unannounced during or outside regular business hours. Annual inspections for relicensing may be conducted during regular business hours or at intervals determined by the department. Annual inspections for relicensing shall be conducted with notice, unless otherwise determined by the department.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 24, 2003.)