

# **ACTION REQUIRED**

## **AB 179 (Bermudez), CHAPTER 456, STATUTES OF 2005**

**Affects:** Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs)

**Subject:** Elder Abuse Information

**Summary:** Amends Health and Safety Code Section 1569.885 and adds Section 1569.889 to require the RCFE personal rights form to include a statement regarding procedures for reporting dependent adult and elder abuse. The bill requires that the form include the toll-free telephone number of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman's CRISISline and provide a blank space for the telephone number of the nearest approved organization for long-term care ombudsperson activities. This form must be included as part of the admission agreement by existing statute.

### **Implementation:**

These statutory requirements are effective January 1, 2006. Regulations will be amended to include these changes under the Personal Rights Section. If a facility is not in compliance with the provisions of this bill, cite H&S Code Sections 1569.885(e) and 1569.889 until regulations are adopted. The Personal Rights Form (LIC 613C, 7/05) has been updated to reflect these changes.

When conducting facility visits:

- Review the resident's files to ensure licensees are using a personal rights form that meets the requirements of the new statute beginning January 1, 2006.
- Personal rights forms for residents in placement prior to January 1, 2006, must be brought into compliance with the bill's provisions if and when their admission agreements are amended.