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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill eliminates the prohibition on nursing facilities charging private pay residents higher rates than those charged for MA recipients.

#### Section

- 1 Nursing home license surcharge.** Amends § 256.9657, subd. 1. Eliminates a statutory cross-reference to the rate equalization requirement for nursing facilities. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2006.
- 2 Nursing facility rate increases beginning July 1, 2001 and July 1, 2002.** Amends § 256B.431, subd. 34. Eliminates a statutory cross-reference to the rate equalization requirement for nursing facilities. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2006.
- 3 Separate billings for therapy services.** Amends § 256B.433, subd. 3. Adjusts a statutory cross-reference to reflect elimination of the rate equalization requirement for nursing facilities. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2006.
- 4 Prohibited practices.** Amends § 256B.48, subd. 1. Strikes language that prohibits, as a condition of participation in MA, nursing facilities from charging private pay residents rates that exceed those for MA recipients except under specified circumstances. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2006.