

state fire marshal's fund to the division of administration fund.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, if the director of budget and management determines at any time that the money in the state fire marshal's fund exceeds the amount necessary to defray ongoing operating expenses in a fiscal year, the director may transfer the excess to the general revenue fund.

Sec. 3740.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Community-based long-term care provider" means a provider, as defined in section 173.39 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Community-based long-term care subcontractor" means a subcontractor, as defined in section 173.38 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Direct care" means any of the following:

(1) Any service identified in divisions (G)(1) to (6) of this section that is provided in a patient's place of residence used as the patient's home;

(2) Any activity that requires the person performing the activity to be routinely alone with a patient or to routinely have access to a patient's personal property or financial documents regarding a patient;

(3) For each home health agency individually, any other routine service or activity that the chief administrator of the home health agency designates as direct care.

(E) "Disqualifying offense" means any of the offenses listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(F) "Employee" means a person employed by a home health agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing direct care to an individual and a person who works in such a position due to being referred to a home health agency by an employment service.

(G) "Home health agency" means a person or government entity, other than a nursing home, residential care facility, hospice care program, pediatric respite care program, informal respite care provider, provider certified by the department of developmental disabilities under Chapter 5123. of the Revised Code, residential facility, shared living provider, or immediate family member, that has the primary function of providing any of the following services to a patient at a place of residence used as the patient's home:

(1) Skilled nursing care;

(2) Physical therapy;

(3) Occupational therapy;

(4) Speech-language pathology;

(5) Medical social services;

(6) Home health aide services.

(H) "Home health aide services" means any of the following services provided by an employee of a home health agency:

(1) Hands-on bathing or assistance with a tub bath or shower;

(2) Assistance with dressing, ambulation, and toileting;

(3) Catheter care but not insertion;

(4) Meal preparation and feeding.

(I) "Hospice care program" and "pediatric respite care program" have the same meanings as in section 3712.01 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Immediate family member" means a parent, stepparent, grandparent, legal guardian, grandchild, brother, sister, stepsibling, spouse, son, daughter, stepchild, aunt, uncle, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law.

(K) "Medical social services" means services provided by a social worker under the direction of a patient's attending physician.

(L) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Nonagency provider" means a person who provides direct care to an individual on a self-employed basis and does not employ, directly or through contract, another person to provide the services. "Nonagency provider" does not include any of the following:

(1) A caregiver who is an immediate family member of the individual receiving direct care;

(2) A person who provides direct care to not more than two individuals who are not immediate family members of the care provider;

(3) A volunteer;

(4) A person who is certified under section 5104.12 of the Revised Code to provide publicly funded child care as an in-home aide;

(5) A person who provides privately funded child care;

(6) A caregiver who is certified by the department of developmental disabilities under Chapter 5123. of the Revised Code.

(N) "Nonmedical home health services" means any of the following:

(1) Any service identified in divisions (H)(1) to (4) of this section;

(2) Personal care services;

(3) Any other service the director of health designates as a nonmedical home health service in rules adopted under section 3740.10 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Nursing home," "residential care facility," and "skilled nursing

care" have the same meanings as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Occupational therapy" has the same meaning as in section 4755.04 of the Revised Code.

(Q) "Personal care services" means any of the following provided to an individual in the individual's home or community:

(1) Hands-on assistance with activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living, when incidental to assistance with activities of daily living;

(2) Assistance managing the individual's home and handling personal affairs;

(3) Assistance with self-administration of medications;

(4) Homemaker services when incidental to any of the services identified in divisions (Q)(1) to (3) of this section or when essential to the health and welfare of the individual specifically, not the individual's family;

(5) Respite services for the individual's caregiver;

(6) Errands completed outside of the presence of the individual if needed to maintain the individual's health and safety, including picking up prescriptions and groceries.

(R) "Physical therapy" has the same meaning as in section 4755.40 of the Revised Code.

(S) "Residential facility" has the same meaning as in section 5123.19 of the Revised Code.

(T) "Skilled home health services" means any of the following:

(1) Any service identified in divisions (G)(1) to (5) of this section;

(2) Any other service the director of health designates as a skilled home health service in rules adopted under section 3740.10 of the Revised Code.

(U) "Social worker" means a person licensed under Chapter 4757, of the Revised Code to practice as a social worker or independent social worker.

(V) "Speech-language pathology" has the same meaning as in section 4753.01 of the Revised Code.

(W) "Waiver agency" has the same meaning as in section 5164.342 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3740.02. Beginning one year after the effective date of this section:

(A)(1) No home health agency shall do either of the following unless the agency holds a current, valid license to provide skilled home health services issued under this chapter:

(a) Provide skilled home health services through one or more employees;

(b) Hold the agency, or any employee of the agency, out as a provider of skilled home health services.

(2) No home health agency shall do either of the following unless the agency holds either a current, valid license to provide nonmedical home health services, or a current, valid license to provide skilled home health services, issued under this chapter:

(a) Provide nonmedical home health services through one or more employees;

(b) Hold the agency, or any employee of the agency, out as a provider of nonmedical home health services.

(B)(1) No nonagency provider shall do either of the following unless the provider holds a current, valid license to provide skilled home health services issued under this chapter:

(a) Provide skilled home health services;

(b) Hold oneself out as a provider of skilled home health services.

(2) No nonagency provider shall do either of the following unless the provider holds either a current, valid license to provide nonmedical home health services, or a current, valid license to provide skilled home health services, issued under this chapter:

(a) Provide nonmedical home health services;

(b) Hold oneself out as a provider of nonmedical home health services.

Sec. 3740.03. (A)(1) A home health agency or nonagency provider seeking to provide skilled home health services shall apply to the department of health for a skilled home health services license. The application shall include all of the following:

(a) Evidence that the agency or provider meets one of the following:

(i) Is certified for participation in the medicare program;

(ii) Is accredited by the accreditation commission for health care, the community health accreditation partner, the joint commission, or another national accreditation organization approved by the United States centers for medicare and medicaid services and recognized by the department pursuant to rules adopted under section 3740.10 of the Revised Code;

(iii) Is certified by the department of aging under section 173.391 of the Revised Code to provide community-based long-term care services;

(iv) Otherwise meets medicare conditions of participation, even though not certified for participation in the medicare program.

(b) Evidence that the applicant was providing direct care on or immediately prior to the effective date of this section, or if the applicant was not providing direct care immediately prior to the effective date of this section, a surety bond issued by a company licensed to do business in this state in the amount of fifty thousand dollars.

(c) An application fee in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars.

(2) An applicant applying on the basis of division (A)(1)(a)(iv) of this section shall provide documentation and comply with conditions as prescribed by rules adopted under section 3740.10 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, a home health agency or nonagency provider seeking to provide nonmedical home health services shall apply to the department of health for a nonmedical home health services license. Except as provided in division (B)(3) of this section, the application shall include all of the following:

(a) Fingerprint impressions of the primary owner of the home health agency or of the nonagency provider;

(b) Copies of any documents filed and recorded with the secretary of state;

(c) A notarized affidavit verifying the identity of the applicant;

(d) If the applicant is a home health agency, a copy of the agency's criminal records check policy;

(e) A statement identifying the days and hours of operation for the applicant;

(f) A description of the nonmedical home health services to be provided, and any policies and procedures related to those services, if applicable;

(g) Identification of the applicant's primary place of business and a description of the geographic area to be served;

(h) Evidence that the applicant was providing direct care on or immediately prior to the effective date of this section, or if the applicant was not providing direct care immediately prior to the effective date of this section, a surety bond issued by a company licensed to do business in this state in the amount of twenty thousand dollars;

(i) An application fee in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars.

(2) A home health agency or nonagency provider that holds a skilled home health services license issued under division (A) of this section may provide nonmedical home health services without obtaining a nonmedical home health services license.

(3) The director of health shall waive receipt of the items identified in divisions (B)(1)(a) to (g) of this section if the agency or provider submits evidence that the agency or provider is certified by the department of aging under section 173.391 of the Revised Code to provide community-based long-term care services.

(C) An applicant under this section shall use the application form prescribed by rules adopted under section 3740.10 of the Revised Code and comply with license procedures established by those rules.

Sec. 3740.04. The department of health shall review each license

application received under section 3740.03 of the Revised Code. The department's review of the application shall include a site visit for each applicant seeking a license on the basis of division (A)(1)(a)(i) of section 3740.03 of the Revised Code to verify that medicare conditions of participation are met, unless the applicant has already had such a site visit within the five-year period immediately preceding the date of the application.

Except as provided in section 3740.07 of the Revised Code, the department shall issue the appropriate license to an applicant if the applicant has paid the application fee and demonstrated to the department's satisfaction that the requirements established under section 3740.03 of the Revised Code are met.

Sec. 3740.05. (A) Except as provided in section 3740.07 of the Revised Code and in division (B) of this section, a license issued under section 3740.04 of the Revised Code is valid for three years. A person seeking to renew the license shall apply to the department of health using a license renewal form prescribed by rules adopted under section 3740.10 of the Revised Code and comply with any renewal application procedures established by those rules. The department shall review each application for license renewal and shall renew the license for three years if the applicant has paid the renewal fee of two hundred fifty dollars and demonstrated to the department's satisfaction that the applicant continues to meet the requirements established in section 3740.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) The department may adjust an initial license renewal date to align renewal of a license issued under this chapter with the renewal of a certification or accreditation identified in divisions (A)(1)(a)(i) to (iii) of section 3740.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3740.07. (A) For any of the reasons established in rules adopted under section 3740.10 of the Revised Code, the department of health may take one or more of the following actions, as applicable, with respect to an applicant for or the holder of a license under this chapter:

- (1) Refuse to issue a license;
- (2) Refuse to renew or reinstate the holder's license;
- (3) Impose limitations on the holder's license;
- (4) Revoke or suspend the holder's license;
- (5) Place the license holder on probation with regard to the holder's license or otherwise reprimand the license holder.

(B) All actions taken under this section shall be taken in accordance with Chapter 119, of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3740.10. (A) The director of health shall adopt rules as the director

considers necessary to implement this chapter, including rules that do all of the following:

- (1) Prescribe license application forms and procedures;
- (2) Specify the documentation that must be provided and conditions that must be met by an applicant seeking a license on the basis of division (A)(1)(a)(iv) of section 3740.03 of the Revised Code;
- (3) Prescribe license renewal application forms and procedures;
- (4) Establish the reasons for which the department of health may take action under section 3740.07 of the Revised Code;
- (5) Processes for dispute resolution and appeals related to licensing disputes.

(B) All rules adopted under this section shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. In addition, the rules shall be adopted in consultation with the director of aging and medicaid director.

~~Sec. 3701.88+ 3740.11.~~ (A) As used in this section:

- ~~(1) "Applicant", "applicant" means a person who is under final consideration for employment with a home health agency in a full-time, part-time, or temporary position that involves providing direct care to an individual or is referred to a home health agency by an employment service for such a position.~~
- ~~(2) "Community-based long term care provider" means a provider as defined in section 173.39 of the Revised Code.~~
- ~~(3) "Community-based long term care subcontractor" means a subcontractor as defined in section 173.38 of the Revised Code.~~
- ~~(4) "Criminal records check" has the same meaning as in section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~
- ~~(5) "Direct care" means any of the following:~~
  - ~~(a) Any service identified in divisions (A)(8)(a) to (f) of this section that is provided in a patient's place of residence used as the patient's home;~~
  - ~~(b) Any activity that requires the person performing the activity to be routinely alone with a patient or to routinely have access to a patient's personal property or financial documents regarding a patient;~~
  - ~~(c) For each home health agency individually, any other routine service or activity that the chief administrator of the home health agency designates as direct care.~~
- ~~(6) "Disqualifying offense" means any of the offenses listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.~~
- ~~(7) "Employee" means a person employed by a home health agency in a full time, part time, or temporary position that involves providing direct~~

care to an individual and a person who works in such a position due to being referred to a home health agency by an employment service.

~~(8) "Home health agency" means a person or government entity, other than a nursing home, residential care facility, hospice care program, or pediatric respite care program, that has the primary function of providing any of the following services to a patient at a place of residence used as the patient's home:~~

- ~~(a) Skilled nursing care;~~
- ~~(b) Physical therapy;~~
- ~~(c) Speech language pathology;~~
- ~~(d) Occupational therapy;~~
- ~~(e) Medical social services;~~
- ~~(f) Home health aide services.~~

~~(9) "Home health aide services" means any of the following services provided by an employee of a home health agency:~~

- ~~(a) Hands-on bathing or assistance with a tub bath or shower;~~
- ~~(b) Assistance with dressing, ambulation, and toileting;~~
- ~~(c) Catheter care but not insertion;~~
- ~~(d) Meal preparation and feeding.~~

~~(10) "Hospice care program" and "pediatric respite care program" have the same meanings as in section 3712.01 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(11) "Medical social services" means services provided by a social worker under the direction of a patient's attending physician.~~

~~(12) "Minor drug possession offense" has the same meaning as in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(13) "Nursing home," "residential care facility," and "skilled nursing care" have the same meanings as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(14) "Occupational therapy" has the same meaning as in section 4755.04 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(15) "Physical therapy" has the same meaning as in section 4755.40 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(16) "Social worker" means a person licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code to practice as a social worker or independent social worker.~~

~~(17) "Speech language pathology" has the same meaning as in section 4753.01 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(18) "Waiver agency" has the same meaning as in section 5164.342 of the Revised Code.~~

(B) No home health agency shall employ an applicant or continue to employ an employee in a position that involves providing direct care to an



individual if any of the following apply:

(1) A review of the databases listed in division (D) of this section reveals any of the following:

(a) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases listed in divisions (D)(1) to (5) of this section;

(b) That there is in the state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code a statement detailing findings by the director of health that the applicant or employee abused, neglected, or exploited a long-term care facility or residential care facility resident or misappropriated property of such a resident;

(c) That the applicant or employee is included in one or more of the databases, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section and the rules prohibit the home health agency from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee included in such a database in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual.

(2) After the applicant or employee is provided, pursuant to division (E)(2)(a) of this section, a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and the standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section, the applicant or employee fails to complete the form or provide the applicant's or employee's fingerprint impressions on the standard impression sheet.

(3) Except as provided in rules adopted under this section, the applicant or employee is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(C) Except as provided by division (F) of this section, the chief administrator of a home health agency shall inform each applicant of both of the following at the time of the applicant's initial application for employment or referral to the home health agency by an employment service for a position that involves providing direct care to an individual:

(1) That a review of the databases listed in division (D) of this section will be conducted to determine whether the home health agency is prohibited by division (B)(1) of this section from employing the applicant in the position;

(2) That, unless the database review reveals that the applicant may not be employed in the position, a criminal records check of the applicant will be conducted and the applicant is required to provide a set of the applicant's fingerprint impressions as part of the criminal records check.

(D) As a condition of employing any applicant in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual, the chief administrator of a

home health agency shall conduct a database review of the applicant in accordance with rules adopted under this section. If rules adopted under this section so require, the chief administrator of a home health agency shall conduct a database review of an employee in accordance with the rules as a condition of continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual. However, the chief administrator is not required to conduct a database review of an applicant or employee if division (F) of this section applies. A database review shall determine whether the applicant or employee is included in any of the following:

(1) The excluded parties list system that is maintained by the United States general services administration pursuant to subpart 9.4 of the federal acquisition regulation and available at the federal web site known as the system for award management;

(2) The list of excluded individuals and entities maintained by the office of inspector general in the United States department of health and human services pursuant to the "Social Security Act," sections 1128 and 1156, 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7 and 1320c-5;

(3) The registry of developmental disabilities employees established under section 5123.52 of the Revised Code;

(4) The internet-based sex offender and child-victim offender database established under division (A)(11) of section 2950.13 of the Revised Code;

(5) The internet-based database of inmates established under section 5120.66 of the Revised Code;

(6) The state nurse aide registry established under section 3721.32 of the Revised Code;

(7) Any other database, if any, specified in rules adopted under this section.

(E)(1) As a condition of employing any applicant in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual, the chief administrator of a home health agency shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation to conduct a criminal records check of the applicant. If rules adopted under this section so require, the chief administrator of a home health agency shall request the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check of an employee at times specified in the rules as a condition of continuing to employ the employee in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual. However, the chief administrator is not required to request the criminal records check of the applicant or the employee if division (F) of this section applies or the home health agency is prohibited by division (B)(1) of this section from employing the applicant or continuing to employ the employee in a position

that involves providing direct care to an individual. If an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section does not present proof of having been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the criminal records check is requested or does not provide evidence that within that five-year period the superintendent has requested information about the applicant from the federal bureau of investigation in a criminal records check, the chief administrator shall request that the superintendent obtain information from the federal bureau of investigation as a part of the criminal records check. Even if an applicant or employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section presents proof that the applicant or employee has been a resident of this state for that five-year period, the chief administrator may request that the superintendent include information from the federal bureau of investigation in the criminal records check.

(2) The chief administrator shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide to each applicant and employee for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section a copy of the form prescribed pursuant to division (C)(1) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code and a standard impression sheet prescribed pursuant to division (C)(2) of that section;

(b) Obtain the completed form and standard impression sheet from each applicant and employee;

(c) Forward the completed form and standard impression sheet to the superintendent at the time the chief administrator requests the criminal records check.

(3) A home health agency shall pay to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation the fee prescribed pursuant to division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code for each criminal records check the agency requests under this section. A home health agency may charge an applicant a fee not exceeding the amount the agency pays to the bureau under this section if both of the following apply:

(a) The home health agency notifies the applicant at the time of initial application for employment of the amount of the fee and that, unless the fee is paid, the applicant will not be considered for employment.

(b) The medicaid program does not reimburse the home health agency for the fee it pays to the bureau under this section.

(F) Divisions (C) to (E) of this section do not apply with regard to an applicant or employee if the applicant or employee is referred to a home health agency by an employment service that supplies full-time, part-time,

or temporary staff for positions that involve providing direct care to an individual and both of the following apply:

(1) The chief administrator of the home health agency receives from the employment service confirmation that a review of the databases listed in division (D) of this section was conducted with regard to the applicant or employee.

(2) The chief administrator of the home health agency receives from the employment service, applicant, or employee a report of the results of a criminal records check of the applicant or employee that has been conducted by the superintendent within the one-year period immediately preceding the following:

(a) In the case of an applicant, the date of the applicant's referral by the employment service to the home health agency;

(b) In the case of an employee, the date by which the home health agency would otherwise have to request a criminal records check of the employee under division (E) of this section.

(G)(1) A home health agency may employ conditionally an applicant for whom a criminal records check request is required by this section before obtaining the results of the criminal records check if the agency is not prohibited by division (B) of this section from employing the applicant in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual and either of the following applies:

(a) The chief administrator of the home health agency requests the criminal records check in accordance with division (E) of this section not later than five business days after the applicant begins conditional employment.

(b) The applicant is referred to the home health agency by an employment service, the employment service or the applicant provides the chief administrator of the agency a letter that is on the letterhead of the employment service, the letter is dated and signed by a supervisor or another designated official of the employment service, and the letter states all of the following:

(i) That the employment service has requested the superintendent to conduct a criminal records check regarding the applicant;

(ii) That the requested criminal records check is to include a determination of whether the applicant has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense;

(iii) That the employment service has not received the results of the criminal records check as of the date set forth on the letter;

(iv) That the employment service promptly will send a copy of the results of the criminal records check to the chief administrator of the home health agency when the employment service receives the results.

(2) If a home health agency employs an applicant conditionally pursuant to division (G)(1)(b) of this section, the employment service, on its receipt of the results of the criminal records check, promptly shall send a copy of the results to the chief administrator of the agency.

(3) A home health agency that employs an applicant conditionally pursuant to division (G)(1)(a) or (b) of this section shall terminate the applicant's employment if the results of the criminal records check, other than the results of any request for information from the federal bureau of investigation, are not obtained within the period ending sixty days after the date the request for the criminal records check is made. Regardless of when the results of the criminal records check are obtained, if the results indicate that the applicant has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense, the home health agency shall terminate the applicant's employment unless circumstances specified in rules adopted under this section that permit the agency to employ the applicant exist and the agency chooses to employ the applicant. Termination of employment under this division shall be considered just cause for discharge for purposes of division (D)(2) of section 4141.29 of the Revised Code if the applicant makes any attempt to deceive the home health agency about the applicant's criminal record.

(H) The report of any criminal records check conducted by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code and pursuant to a request made under this section is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and shall not be made available to any person other than the following:

(1) The applicant or employee who is the subject of the criminal records check or the applicant's or employee's representative;

(2) The home health agency requesting the criminal records check or its representative;

(3) The administrator of any other facility, agency, or program that provides direct care to individuals that is owned or operated by the same entity that owns or operates the home health agency that requested the criminal records check;

(4) The employment service that requested the criminal records check;

(5) The director of health and the staff of the department of health who monitor a home health agency's compliance with this section;

(6) The director of aging or the director's designee if either of the following apply:

(a) In the case of a criminal records check requested by a home health agency, the home health agency also is a community-based long-term care provider or community-based long-term care subcontractor;

(b) In the case of a criminal records check requested by an employment service, the employment service makes the request for an applicant or employee the employment service refers to a home health agency that also is a community-based long-term care provider or community-based long-term care subcontractor.

(7) The medicaid director and the staff of the department of medicaid who are involved in the administration of the medicaid program if either of the following apply:

(a) In the case of a criminal records check requested by a home health agency, the home health agency also is a waiver agency;

(b) In the case of a criminal records check requested by an employment service, the employment service makes the request for an applicant or employee the employment service refers to a home health agency that also is a waiver agency.

(8) Any court, hearing officer, or other necessary individual involved in a case dealing with any of the following:

(a) A denial of employment of the applicant or employee;

(b) Employment or unemployment benefits of the applicant or employee;

(c) A civil or criminal action regarding the medicaid program.

(I) In a tort or other civil action for damages that is brought as the result of an injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by an applicant or employee who a home health agency employs in a position that involves providing direct care to an individual, all of the following shall apply:

(1) If the home health agency employed the applicant or employee in good faith and reasonable reliance on the report of a criminal records check requested under this section, the agency shall not be found negligent solely because of its reliance on the report, even if the information in the report is determined later to have been incomplete or inaccurate.

(2) If the home health agency employed the applicant in good faith on a conditional basis pursuant to division (G) of this section, the agency shall not be found negligent solely because it employed the applicant prior to receiving the report of a criminal records check requested under this section.

(3) If the home health agency in good faith employed the applicant or employee according to the personal character standards established in rules

adopted under this section, the agency shall not be found negligent solely because the applicant or employee had been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense.

(J) The director of health shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement this section.

(1) The rules may do the following:

(a) Require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, exempt one or more classes of employees from the requirements;

(c) For the purpose of division (D)(7) of this section, specify other databases that are to be checked as part of a database review conducted under this section.

(2) The rules shall specify all of the following:

(a) The procedures for conducting database reviews under this section;

(b) If the rules require employees to undergo database reviews and criminal records checks under this section, the times at which the database reviews and criminal records checks are to be conducted;

(c) If the rules specify other databases to be checked as part of the database reviews, the circumstances under which a home health agency is prohibited from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee who is found by a database review to be included in one or more of those databases;

(d) Circumstances under which a home health agency may employ an applicant or employee who is found by a criminal records check required by this section to have been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense but meets personal character standards.

Sec. 3740.99. Whoever violates section 3740.02 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree on a first offense; for each subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Sec. 3741.14. (A) Each filling station offering self-service shall be operated in accordance with the most recent version of the national fire protection association standard number 30A-1990 30A, as that standard is incorporated into the fire code adopted by the state fire marshal in accordance with section 3737.82 of the Revised Code, and the provisions of the "Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970," 84 Stat. 1590, 5