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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**DATE:** May 15, 2026

**TO:** Adult Day Centers

**FROM:** Tara Ragland, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** 2026 Legislation Affecting Adult Day Centers

This memo gives an overview of a new law passed in the 2026 General Assembly session that affects adult day centers.

### **Senate Bill 677/House Bill 840: Department of Health Restaurant Exemption**

[Senate Bill 677](#) and [House Bill 840](#) give an exemption from restaurant requirements to adult day centers that care for 12 or fewer adults in a home. This law does not change how these programs currently operate; it simply puts existing practice into the law.

**Effective date: July 1, 2026**

Questions regarding a licensed program's eligibility for this exemption should be directed to the [local health department](#).