## Legal Title
Certification Fund

## Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 307, Statutes of 1995
Health and Safety Code section 1569.617(a)

## Fund Classification

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## Purpose
The Certification Fund shall be expended by the Department of Social Services for the purpose of administering the residential care facilities for the elderly (RCFE) certification program, adult residential facilities (ARF) certification program, and the group home (GH) facilities certification program.

## Administering Agency/Organization Code
Department of Social Services/Org 5180

## Major Revenue Source
Fees, fines, and penalties of the certification program; interest.

## Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Pursuant to Government Code 16346, in the absence of language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund.

## Appropriation Authority
The money in this fund is available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

## State Appropriations Limit
Excluded - Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are used to regulate the activities engaged in by the payers.

## Comments/Historical Information
- Chapter 848, Statutes of 1991 created the Residential Care Facility for the Elderly Fund.
- Chapter 1258, Statutes of 1994 established a certification program and related fees for ARF administrators.
- Chapter 307, Statutes of 1995 retitled this fund to the Certification Fund.
- Chapter 706, Statutes of 1995 added the reissuance and delinquency fees and changed the renewal period from triennial to biennial.
- Chapter 311, Statutes of 1998 added a similar set of fees for group homes.