

AN ACT

relating to required posting of information regarding the office of the state long-term care ombudsman on certain long-term care facilities' Internet websites.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 260C to read as follows:

CHAPTER 260C. POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN
INFORMATION BY CERTAIN FACILITIES

Sec. 260C.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "long-term care facility" means:

(1) a nursing facility licensed under Chapter 242;

(2) an assisted living facility licensed under Chapter 247; or

(3) any other facility providing care to residents who are assisted by the state long-term care ombudsman established under Subchapter F, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code.

Sec. 260C.002. POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN INFORMATION ON INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a long-term care facility shall post on the facility's Internet website information about the office of the state long-term care ombudsman established under Subchapter F, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code, including:

(1) information regarding the office's role as an

1 advocate for residents of long-term care facilities; and

2 (2) the office's statewide toll-free telephone number.

3 (b) A long-term care facility:

4 (1) may comply with this section by posting the
5 required information on the Internet website of the facility's
6 parent company if the facility does not maintain a unique Internet
7 website; and

8 (2) is not required to comply with this section if the
9 facility and any parent company do not maintain an Internet
10 website.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3961 was passed by the House on April 28, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3961 on May 28, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3961 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor