

Amend **CSHB 2292** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to Article 2 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) A change in law made by this article to Section 242.047, Health and Safety Code, that requires the Texas Department of Health to accept an annual accreditation review from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations for a nursing home in satisfaction of the requirements for certification:

(1) applies only to a nursing home that participates in the medical assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, before September 1, 2003; and

(2) may be implemented only as a pilot program.

(b) A pilot program operated in accordance with this section expires September 1, 2007.