

Amend SB 421 (engrossed version) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in the recital (page 3, line 17), strike "Chapter 1284" and substitute "Chapters 921 and 1284".

(2) Immediately before SECTION 5 of the bill (page 4, between lines 13 and 14), insert the following:

(d) [(c)] In consultation with the Texas Department of Human Services, the commissioner shall, by rule, adopt minimum rating standards for for-profit nursing homes and for-profit assisted living facilities that must be met before a for-profit nursing home or for-profit assisted living facility may obtain coverage through the association. The standards must promote the highest practical level of care for residents of those nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

(3) Strike SECTION 14 of the bill (page 14, lines 19-21) and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill appropriately.