

AN ACT

relating to requiring that certain individuals who provide nursing services in a nursing institution receive annual training in caring for people with dementia.

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

SECTION 1. Section 242.037, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) The minimum standards adopted by the board under this section must require that each institution, as part of an existing training program, provide each registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, nurse aide, and nursing assistant who provides nursing services in the institution at least one hour of training each year in caring for people with dementia.

SECTION 2. It is the intent of the legislature that Section 242.037(i), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, and rules adopted under that subsection, not impose any training requirement that will cause an institution regulated under Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, to incur additional costs.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003. The Texas Board of Human Services shall adopt the minimum standard required by Section 242.037(i), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, in time for the standard to take effect on January 1, 2004.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 776 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 776 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____
Date

Governor