

1-1 By: Naishtat, Mabry, et al. (Senate Sponsor-Nelson) H.B. No. 776
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Administration; May 16, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 16, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to requiring that certain individuals who provide nursing
1-9 services in a nursing institution receive annual training in caring
1-10 for people with dementia.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 242.037, Health and Safety Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

1-14 (i) The minimum standards adopted by the board under this
1-15 section must require that each institution, as part of an existing
1-16 training program, provide each registered nurse, licensed
1-17 vocational nurse, nurse aide, and nursing assistant who provides
1-18 nursing services in the institution at least one hour of training
1-19 each year in caring for people with dementia.

1-20 SECTION 2. It is the intent of the legislature that Section
1-21 242.037(i), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, and rules
1-22 adopted under that subsection, not impose any training requirement
1-23 that will cause an institution regulated under Chapter 242, Health
1-24 and Safety Code, to incur additional costs.

1-25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003. The
1-26 Texas Board of Human Services shall adopt the minimum standard
1-27 required by Section 242.037(i), Health and Safety Code, as added by
1-28 this Act, in time for the standard to take effect on January 1,
1-29 2004.

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