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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to carbon monoxide detectors and water detectors in certain child-care facilities and family homes.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 42.060 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.060. CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AND WATER DETECTORS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Carbon monoxide detector" means a device that detects and sounds an alarm to indicate the presence of a harmful level of carbon monoxide gas.

(2) "Water detector" means a device that detects and sounds an alarm to indicate the presence of water or moisture accumulation.

(b) Each day-care center, group day-care home, and family home must be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors and water detectors in accordance with department rules.

(c) The department by rule shall prescribe requirements regarding the placement, installation, and number of carbon monoxide detectors and water detectors and maintenance procedures for those detectors.

SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, a day-care center, group day-care home, or family home is not

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1 required to be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors or water
2 detectors as required by Section 42.060, Human Resources Code, as
3 added by this Act, before January 1, 2004.