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H.B. No. 1736

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the review of the reimbursement methodology for and
3 resource needs of nursing facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. REVIEW OF TILE CLASSIFICATION
6 SYSTEM. (a) Subject to the availability of funds, the Health and
7 Human Services Commission, in conjunction with the Texas Department
8 of Human Services, shall evaluate the Texas Index for Level of
9 Effort classification system used to quantify the intensity of the
10 care needs of individuals in nursing facilities and to assign daily
11 reimbursement rates for that care to determine whether the system
12 accurately accounts for the care needs of patients with dementia,
13 including patients with Alzheimer's disease.

14 (b) In conducting the evaluation of the Texas Index for
15 Level of Effort classification system, the Health and Human
16 Services Commission shall seek the input of relevant professionals
17 and other individuals or organizations with expertise in caring for
18 people with dementia, including Alzheimer's disease.

19 SECTION 2. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. The Health and Human
20 Services Commission shall report the results of the evaluation
21 conducted under this Act to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
22 and the speaker of the house of representatives not later than
23 September 1, 2004.

24 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September

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