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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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