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H.B. No. 2429

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to construction standards for certain assisted living
3 facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 247.030(b), Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The board shall adopt minimum standards for an assisted
8 living facility classified under this section, including standards
9 imposing adequate requirements relating to medication supervision.
10 The board shall modify accessibility and life safety code standards
11 generally applicable to a facility licensed under this chapter as
12 necessary for a facility classified under this section to reflect
13 the level of services provided by the facility. The modified
14 standards must be specifically defined by the board and must
15 provide for two-story buildings. Two-story buildings must meet all
16 life safety code requirements in regards to protecting vertical
17 openings, as specified in the 1988 edition of the National Fire
18 Protection Association (NFPA) 101, Section 21-2.3.1. Type A and
19 Type B assisted living facilities, as classified by the board, must
20 conform to Chapter 21 of the 1988 edition of the National Fire
21 Protection Association (NFPA) 101.

22 SECTION 2. An assisted living facility is not required to
23 comply with Section 247.030(b), Health and Safety Code, as amended
24 by this Act, before September 1, 2004.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.