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S.B. No. 1549

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring that certain individuals who provide nursing
3 services in a nursing institution receive annual training in caring
4 for people with dementia.

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

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

8 (i) The minimum standards adopted by the board under this
9 section must require that each institution, as part of an existing
10 training program, provide each registered nurse, licensed
11 vocational nurse, nurse aide, and nursing assistant who provides
12 nursing services in the institution at least one hour of training
13 each year in caring for people with dementia.

14 SECTION 2. It is the intent of the legislature that
15 Subsection (i), Section 242.037, Health and Safety Code, as added
16 by this Act, and rules adopted under that subsection, not impose any
17 training requirement that will cause an institution regulated under
18 Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, to incur additional costs.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003. The
20 Texas Board of Human Services shall adopt the minimum standard
21 required by Subsection (i), Section 242.037, Health and Safety
22 Code, as added by this Act, in time for the standard to take effect
23 on January 1, 2004.