

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 1549  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2003; March 20, 2003, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;  
1-4 April 14, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 14, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to requiring that certain individuals who provide nursing  
1-9 services in a nursing institution receive annual training in caring  
1-10 for people with dementia.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 242.037, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-13 amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

1-14 (i) The minimum standards adopted by the board under this  
1-15 section must require that each institution, as part of an existing  
1-16 training program, provide each registered nurse, licensed  
1-17 vocational nurse, nurse aide, and nursing assistant who provides  
1-18 nursing services in the institution at least one hour of training  
1-19 each year in caring for people with dementia.

1-20 SECTION 2. It is the intent of the legislature that  
1-21 Subsection (i), Section 242.037, Health and Safety Code, as added  
1-22 by this Act, and rules adopted under that subsection, not impose any  
1-23 training requirement that will cause an institution regulated under  
1-24 Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, to incur additional costs.

1-25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003. The  
1-26 Texas Board of Human Services shall adopt the minimum standard  
1-27 required by Subsection (i), Section 242.037, Health and Safety  
1-28 Code, as added by this Act, in time for the standard to take effect  
1-29 on January 1, 2004.

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