

AN ACT

relating to a study of the feasibility of requiring registration of certain assisted living facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 247, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 247.032 to read as follows:

Sec. 247.032. FEASIBILITY OF REGISTERING SMALL FACILITIES.

(a) The commissioner of aging and disability services shall appoint a work group to study the feasibility of requiring facilities that furnish food, shelter, and personal care services to three or fewer people who are unrelated to the proprietor of the facility to register with the department and the best method to identify those facilities. The work group must include:

(1) representatives of the department;

(2) a representative from the Department of Family and Protective Services;

(3) a representative of a licensed assisted living facility;

(4) a resident of an assisted living facility;

(5) an advocate for persons with disabilities;

(6) an advocate for the elderly;

(7) representatives of provider associations representing assisted living facilities; and

(8) representatives of local governmental entities,

1 with at least one representative from a rural area of the state and
2 one representative from an urban area of the state.

3 (b) A member of the work group serving under Subsection
4 (a)(1) or (2) is not entitled to additional compensation for
5 serving on the work group. Another member of the work group is not
6 entitled to compensation for serving on the work group.

7 (c) Not later than January 1, 2007, the work group shall
8 submit its findings to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
9 house of representatives, and the presiding officers of the
10 standing committees of each house with jurisdiction over assisted
11 living facilities.

12 (d) This section expires January 1, 2007.

13 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2006, the commissioner
14 of aging and disability services shall appoint the members of the
15 work group as required by Section 247.032, Health and Safety Code,
16 as added by this Act.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 669 was passed by the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 669 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor