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S.B. No. 1650

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training required for employees of persons licensed to provide certain home and community support services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 142, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 142.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 142.0021. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules prescribing minimum training standards for an employee of a person licensed to provide personal assistance services under this chapter.

(b) The minimum training standards must require that, not later than the 120th day after the date an employee is initially hired to provide personal assistance services, the employee complete at least 16 hours of training.

(c) The minimum training standards must require training in at least the following areas:

(1) cultural sensitivity;

(2) communication skills;

(3) proper lifting and moving techniques;

(4) safe cooking techniques; and

(5) dementia and Alzheimer-related issues.

(d) The Department of Aging and Disability Services shall ensure that a person licensed to provide personal assistance

1 services under this chapter provides training to the person's
2 employees that complies with the requirements of this section.

3 SECTION 2. Section 142.0021(b), Health and Safety Code, as
4 added by this Act, applies to an employee hired on or after the
5 effective date of the rules adopted in compliance with Section
6 142.0021(a), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.