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H.B. No. 4554

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the training requirements for surveyors of certain
3 long-term care facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 22.039, Human Resources Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (b) The department shall require a surveyor to complete a
9 basic training program before the surveyor inspects, surveys, or
10 investigates a long-term care facility. The training must include
11 observation of the operations of a long-term care facility
12 unrelated to the survey, inspection, or investigation process for a
13 minimum of 10 working days [~~within a 14-day period~~].

14 (b-1) The department shall waive the observation
15 requirement under Subsection (b) for a surveyor who has been
16 employed in a long-term care facility within five years of the date
17 the person assumes duties as a surveyor.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.