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S.B. No. 345

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to screening health care personnel of home and community support services agencies for tuberculosis.

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

SECTION 1. Section 142.012(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board by rule shall set minimum standards for home and community support services agencies licensed under this chapter that relate to:

(1) qualifications for professional and nonprofessional personnel, including volunteers;

(2) supervision of professional and nonprofessional personnel, including volunteers;

(3) the screening of professional and nonprofessional personnel, including volunteers, for tuberculosis before providing services for the home and community support services agency;

(4) the provision and coordination of treatment and services, including support and bereavement services, as appropriate;

(5) [~~(4)~~] the management, ownership, and organizational structure, including lines of authority and delegation of responsibility and, as appropriate, the composition of an interdisciplinary team;

(6) [~~(5)~~] clinical and business records;

1 (7) [~~(6)~~] financial ability to carry out the functions
2 as proposed;

3 (8) [~~(7)~~] safety, fire prevention, and sanitary
4 standards for residential units and inpatient units; and

5 (9) [~~(8)~~] any other aspects of home health, hospice,
6 or personal assistance services as necessary to protect the public.

7 SECTION 2. The Texas Board of Nursing shall adopt rules
8 required by Section 142.012(b), Health and Safety Code, as amended
9 by this Act, not later than January 1, 2010.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.