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S.B. No. 1521

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of certain boarding houses and assisted living facilities; providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 254 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 254. BOARDING HOUSES

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 254.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Boarding house" means an establishment that has rooms for rent to four or more persons who are unrelated to the owner by blood or consanguinity and that may offer community meals, light housework, meal preparation, transportation, grocery shopping, money management, or laundry services but that does not provide personal care services.

(2) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

(3) "Executive commissioner" means the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

(4) "Resident" means an individual who is residing in a boarding house that holds a certificate of registration under this chapter.

Sec. 254.002. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:

(1) a facility that is required to be licensed under

1 Chapter 142, 242, 246, 247, or 252;

2 (2) a facility that is exempt from licensing under  
3 Section 142.003(a)(19) or 247.004(4);

4 (3) a hotel as defined by Section 156.001, Tax Code;

5 (4) a retirement community;

6 (5) a monastery or convent;

7 (6) a child-care facility;

8 (7) a facility that provides shelter to victims of  
9 domestic violence; or

10 (8) a sorority or fraternity house or other dormitory  
11 affiliated with an institution of higher education.

12 Sec. 254.003. RULES GENERALLY. The executive commissioner  
13 shall adopt rules related to the administration and implementation  
14 of this chapter.

15 Sec. 254.004. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION. (a) The  
16 department may cooperate with local public health officials of a  
17 municipality or county in carrying out this chapter and may  
18 delegate to those officials the power to make inspections and  
19 recommendations to the department under this chapter.

20 (b) The department may coordinate its personnel and  
21 facilities with a local agency of a municipality or county and may  
22 provide advice to the municipality or county if the municipality or  
23 county supplements the state regulatory program established under  
24 this chapter with additional rules required to meet local  
25 conditions.

26 [Sections 254.005-254.050 reserved for expansion]

1           SUBCHAPTER B. REGISTRATION, FEES, AND INSPECTIONS

2           Sec. 254.051. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. A person, acting  
3 severally or jointly with any other person, may not establish,  
4 conduct, or maintain in this state a boarding house unless the  
5 person holds a certificate of registration issued under this  
6 chapter.

7           Sec. 254.052. APPLICATION. (a) A person may apply for  
8 registration under this chapter by submitting an application to the  
9 department on a form prescribed by the department and the required  
10 registration fee.

11           (b) The application must contain information that the  
12 department requires. The department may require affirmative  
13 evidence of ability to comply with the standards and rules adopted  
14 under this chapter.

15           Sec. 254.053. ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATE OF  
16 REGISTRATION. (a) After receiving the application, the department  
17 shall issue a certificate of registration to the applicant if,  
18 after inspection and investigation, it finds that the applicant and  
19 boarding house meet the requirements established under this chapter  
20 and department rule.

21           (b) The department may issue a certificate of registration  
22 only for:

23                   (1) the premises and persons named in the application;  
24 and  
25                   (2) the maximum number of residents specified in the  
26 application.

27           (c) A certificate of registration may not be transferred or

1 assigned.

2 (d) A person may renew a certificate of registration by:

3 (1) submitting a renewal application on the form  
4 prescribed by the department; and

5 (2) paying the renewal fee.

6 (e) The executive commissioner by rule shall define  
7 specific, appropriate, and objective criteria on which the  
8 department may deny an initial certificate of registration  
9 application or certificate of registration renewal or revoke a  
10 certificate of registration.

11 Sec. 254.054. FEES. (a) The executive commissioner by rule  
12 may adopt a fee for a certificate of registration issued under this  
13 chapter in an amount reasonable and necessary to recover the costs  
14 of administering this chapter.

15 (b) The certificate of registration fee must be paid with  
16 each application for an initial certificate of registration or for  
17 a renewal or change of ownership of a certificate of registration.

18 (c) The executive commissioner may adopt an additional fee  
19 for the approval of an increase in number of residents.

20 Sec. 254.055. REGISTRY. The department shall establish a  
21 registry of boarding houses registered under this chapter and make  
22 the registry available to the public, certificate of registration  
23 holders, and appropriate state agencies.

24 Sec. 254.056. MINIMUM STANDARDS. The executive  
25 commissioner may adopt, publish, and enforce minimum standards  
26 relating to:

27 (1) the construction or remodeling of a boarding

1 house, including plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation, and  
2 other housing conditions, to ensure the residents' health, safety,  
3 comfort, and protection from fire hazard;

4 (2) sanitary and related conditions in a boarding  
5 house and its surroundings, including water supply, sewage  
6 disposal, food handling, and general hygiene to ensure the  
7 residents' health, safety, and comfort;

8 (3) equipment essential to the residents' health and  
9 welfare;

10 (4) the reporting and investigation of injuries,  
11 incidents, and unusual accidents and the establishment of other  
12 policies and procedures necessary to ensure the residents' safety;

13 (5) policies and procedures for the control of  
14 communicable diseases;

15 (6) specialized nutrition support;

16 (7) requirements for in-service education of the  
17 operator and each employee who has any contact with residents;

18 (8) the regulation of the number of employees and the  
19 qualifications of the operator and each employee responsible for  
20 providing any part of a service to residents; and

21 (9) the quality of life.

22 Sec. 254.057. POSTING. Each boarding house shall  
23 prominently and conspicuously post for display in a public area of  
24 the boarding house that is readily available to residents, the  
25 operator, any employees, and visitors:

26 (1) the certificate of registration issued under this  
27 chapter;

1           (2) a sign prescribed by the executive commissioner  
2 that specifies complaint procedures established under this chapter  
3 or rules adopted under this chapter and that specifies how  
4 complaints may be registered with the department;

5           (3) a notice in a form prescribed by the executive  
6 commissioner stating that inspection and related reports are  
7 available at the boarding house for public inspection and providing  
8 the department's toll-free telephone number that may be used to  
9 obtain information concerning the boarding house; and

10           (4) a concise summary of the most recent inspection  
11 report relating to the boarding house.

12           Sec. 254.058. INSPECTIONS. (a) The department or the  
13 department's representative may make any inspection, survey, or  
14 investigation that it considers necessary and may enter the  
15 premises of a boarding house at reasonable times to make an  
16 inspection, survey, or investigation in accordance with rules of  
17 the executive commissioner.

18           (b) The department is entitled to access to books, records,  
19 and other documents maintained by or on behalf of a boarding house  
20 to the extent necessary to enforce this chapter and the rules  
21 adopted under this chapter.

22           (c) A certificate of registration holder or an applicant for  
23 a certificate of registration is considered to have consented to  
24 entry and inspection of the boarding house by a representative of  
25 the department in accordance with this chapter.

26           (d) The department shall establish procedures to preserve  
27 all relevant evidence of conditions the department finds during an

1 inspection, survey, or investigation that the department  
2 reasonably believes threaten the health and safety of a resident.  
3 The procedures may include photography or photocopying of relevant  
4 documents, such as a certificate of registration holder's notes,  
5 for use in any legal proceeding.

6 Sec. 254.059. UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS. (a) Each  
7 registration period, the department shall conduct at least two  
8 unannounced inspections of each boarding house.

9 (b) The department may require additional inspections.

10 Sec. 254.060. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH. The department and  
11 the Health and Human Services Commission shall provide to the owner  
12 or operator of a boarding house information on:

13 (1) the circumstances, including the provision of  
14 personal care, that require the facility to be licensed under  
15 Chapter 247 and the requirements for licensing under that chapter;

16 (2) the services the boarding house may provide;

17 (3) registration under this chapter; and

18 (4) health and safety requirements and staff training  
19 requirements.

20 Sec. 254.061. REPORTING VIOLATIONS. (a) The department or  
21 the department's representative conducting an inspection or  
22 investigation under this chapter shall:

23 (1) list each violation of a law or rule on a form  
24 designed by the department for inspections; and

25 (2) identify the specific law or rule the boarding  
26 house violates.

27 (b) At the conclusion of an inspection or investigation

1 under this chapter, the department or the department's  
2 representative conducting the inspection or investigation shall  
3 discuss the violations with the boarding house's management in an  
4 exit conference. The department or the department's representative  
5 shall leave a written list of the violations with the boarding house  
6 and the person designated by the boarding house to receive notice of  
7 the imposition of an administrative penalty at the time of the exit  
8 conference. If the department or the department's representative  
9 discovers any additional violations during the review of field  
10 notes or preparation of the official final list, the department or  
11 the department's representative shall give the boarding house an  
12 additional exit conference regarding the additional violations.

13 (c) The boarding house shall submit a plan to correct the  
14 violations to the department not later than the 10th day after the  
15 date the boarding house receives the final statement of violations.

16 Sec. 254.062. REPORTING OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION.

17 (a) A person, including an owner, operator, or employee of a  
18 boarding house, who has cause to believe that a resident has been  
19 abused, neglected, or exploited or may be adversely affected by  
20 abuse, neglect, or exploitation caused by another person shall  
21 report the abuse, neglect, or exploitation as required by Section  
22 48.051, Human Resources Code, or other applicable law.

23 (b) Each boarding house shall require each employee of the  
24 boarding house, as a condition of employment with the boarding  
25 house, to sign a statement that the employee realizes that the  
26 employee may be criminally liable under Section 48.052, Human  
27 Resources Code, for failure to report abuse, neglect, or



1 exploitation.

2 Sec. 254.063. NOTIFICATION OF CLOSURE. (a) A boarding  
3 house that is closing temporarily or permanently, voluntarily or  
4 involuntarily, shall notify the residents of the closing, if  
5 applicable, within a reasonable time before the boarding house  
6 closes.

7 (b) If the department orders a boarding house to close or  
8 the boarding house's closure is in any other way involuntary, the  
9 boarding house shall make the notification, orally or in writing,  
10 immediately on receiving notice of the closing.

11 (c) If the boarding house's closure is voluntary, the  
12 boarding house shall make the notification not later than one week  
13 after the date on which the decision to close is made.

14 [Sections 254.064-254.100 reserved for expansion]

15 SUBCHAPTER C. GENERAL ENFORCEMENT

16 Sec. 254.101. DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF  
17 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION. (a) The department, after providing  
18 notice and opportunity for a hearing to an applicant for a  
19 certificate of registration or a certificate of registration  
20 holder, may deny, suspend, or revoke a certificate of registration  
21 if the department finds that the applicant or certificate holder  
22 has substantially failed to comply with the requirements  
23 established under this chapter.

24 (b) The status of an applicant for a certificate of  
25 registration or of a certificate of registration holder is  
26 preserved until final disposition of the contested matter, except  
27 as the court having jurisdiction of a judicial review of the matter

1 may order in the public interest for the welfare and safety of the  
2 residents.

3 Sec. 254.102. EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OR CLOSING ORDER. (a)  
4 The department shall suspend a boarding house's certificate of  
5 registration or order an immediate closing of part of the boarding  
6 house if:

7 (1) the department finds the boarding house is  
8 operating in violation of the standards prescribed by this chapter;  
9 and

10 (2) the violation creates an immediate threat to the  
11 health and safety of a resident.

12 (b) The executive commissioner by rule shall provide for the  
13 placement of residents during the boarding house's suspension or  
14 closing to ensure their health and safety.

15 (c) An order suspending a certificate of registration or  
16 closing a part of a boarding house under this section is immediately  
17 effective on the date on which the certificate of registration  
18 holder receives written notice or a later date specified in the  
19 order.

20 (d) An order suspending a certificate of registration or  
21 ordering an immediate closing of a part of a boarding house is valid  
22 for 10 days after the effective date of the order.

23 Sec. 254.103. INJUNCTION. (a) The department may petition  
24 a district court for a temporary restraining order to restrain a  
25 person from continuing a violation of the standards prescribed by  
26 this chapter if the department finds that the violation creates an  
27 immediate threat to the health and safety of the boarding house's

1 residents.

2 (b) A district court, on petition of the department, may by  
3 injunction:

4 (1) prohibit a person from continuing a violation of  
5 the standards or registration requirements prescribed by this  
6 chapter;

7 (2) restrain or prevent the establishment, conduct,  
8 management, or operation of a boarding house without a certificate  
9 of registration issued under this chapter; or

10 (3) grant the injunctive relief warranted by the facts  
11 on a finding by the court that a person is violating the standards  
12 or registration requirements prescribed by this chapter.

13 (c) The attorney general, on request by the department,  
14 shall bring and conduct on behalf of the state a suit authorized by  
15 this section.

16 (d) A suit for a temporary restraining order or other  
17 injunctive relief must be brought in the county in which the alleged  
18 violation occurs or in Travis County.

19 Sec. 254.104. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) In this section,  
20 "immediate threat to the health or safety" means a situation in  
21 which there is a high probability that serious harm or injury to a  
22 resident could occur at any time or already has occurred and may  
23 occur again if the resident is not protected from the harm or if the  
24 threat is not removed.

25 (b) A person who knowingly operates a boarding house that is  
26 required to be registered under this chapter in a manner that  
27 creates an immediate threat to the health or safety of a resident of

1 the boarding house commits an offense.

2 (c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

3 Sec. 254.105. CIVIL PENALTY. (a) A person who violates  
4 this chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter is  
5 liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$200 for each violation  
6 if the department determines the violation threatens the health or  
7 safety of a resident.

8 (b) Each day of a violation constitutes a separate ground  
9 for recovery.

10 (c) On request of the department, the attorney general may  
11 institute an action in a district court to collect a civil penalty  
12 under this section. Any amount collected shall be remitted to the  
13 comptroller for deposit in the general revenue fund.

14 Sec. 254.106. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. (a) The department  
15 may impose an administrative penalty against a boarding house that  
16 violates this chapter or a rule adopted or order issued under this  
17 chapter.

18 (b) The penalty for a boarding house may not be less than  
19 \$200 for each violation. Each day a violation occurs is a separate  
20 violation for purposes of imposing a penalty.

21 (c) The executive commissioner by rule shall specify each  
22 violation for which an administrative penalty may be assessed. In  
23 determining which violations warrant penalties, the department  
24 shall consider:

25 (1) the seriousness of the violation, including the  
26 nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation and the  
27 hazard of the violation to the health or safety of residents; and

1           (2) whether the affected boarding house had identified  
2 the violation as a part of its internal quality assurance process  
3 and had made appropriate progress on correction.

4           (d) The executive commissioner by rule shall establish a  
5 specific and detailed schedule of appropriate and graduated  
6 penalties for each violation based on:

7           (1) the seriousness of the violation, including the  
8 nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation and the  
9 hazard of the violation to the health or safety of residents;

10           (2) the history of previous violations;

11           (3) whether the affected boarding house had identified  
12 the violation as a part of its internal quality assurance process  
13 and had made appropriate progress on correction;

14           (4) the amount necessary to deter future violations;

15           (5) efforts made to correct the violation;

16           (6) the size of the boarding house; and

17           (7) any other matters that justice may require.

18           (e) The executive commissioner by rule shall provide the  
19 boarding house with a reasonable period of time, not less than 45  
20 days, following the first day of a violation to correct the  
21 violation before assessing an administrative penalty if a plan of  
22 correction has been implemented. This subsection does not apply to  
23 a violation that the department determines has resulted in serious  
24 harm to or the death of a resident or constitutes a serious threat  
25 to the health or safety of a resident.

26           (f) The department may not assess an administrative penalty  
27 for a minor violation if the person corrects the violation not later

1 than the 46th day after the date the person receives notice of the  
2 violation.

3 (g) The department shall establish a system to ensure  
4 standard and consistent application of penalties regardless of the  
5 boarding house location.

6 (h) All proceedings for the assessment of an administrative  
7 penalty under this chapter are subject to Chapter 2001, Government  
8 Code.

9 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an  
10 administrative penalty ceases to be incurred on the date a  
11 violation is corrected. The administrative penalty ceases to be  
12 incurred only if the boarding house:

13 (1) notifies the department in writing of the  
14 correction of the violation and of the date the violation was  
15 corrected; and

16 (2) shows later that the violation was corrected.

17 (j) Rules adopted under this section shall include  
18 specific, appropriate, and objective criteria that describe the  
19 scope and severity of a violation that results in a recommendation  
20 for each specific penalty.

21 (k) The imposition and collection of an administrative  
22 penalty imposed under this section shall be conducted in the manner  
23 provided by Sections 252.0651, 252.066, 252.067, 252.068, and  
24 252.070.

25 SECTION 2. Section 247.004, Health and Safety Code, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 Sec. 247.004. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:

1           (1) a boarding house registered under Chapter 254 [~~a~~  
2 ~~boarding facility that has rooms for rent and that may offer~~  
3 ~~community meals, light housework, meal preparation,~~  
4 ~~transportation, grocery shopping, money management, or laundry~~  
5 ~~services but that does not provide personal care services~~];

6           (2) an establishment conducted by or for the adherents  
7 of the Church of Christ, Scientist, for the purpose of providing  
8 facilities for the care or treatment of the sick who depend  
9 exclusively on prayer or spiritual means for healing without the  
10 use of any drug or material remedy if the establishment complies  
11 with local safety, sanitary, and quarantine ordinances and  
12 regulations;

13           (3) a facility conducted by or for the adherents of a  
14 qualified religious society classified as a tax-exempt  
15 organization under an Internal Revenue Service group exemption  
16 ruling for the purpose of providing personal care services without  
17 charge solely for the society's professed members or ministers in  
18 retirement, if the facility complies with local safety, sanitation,  
19 and quarantine ordinances and regulations; or

20           (4) a facility that provides personal care services  
21 only to persons enrolled in a program that is funded in whole or in  
22 part by the [~~Texas~~] Department of State [~~Mental~~] Health Services or  
23 the Department of Aging and Disability Services [~~and Mental~~  
24 ~~Retardation~~] and that is monitored by the [~~Texas~~] Department of  
25 State [~~Mental~~] Health Services or the Department of Aging and  
26 Disability Services [~~and Mental Retardation~~] or its designated  
27 local authority, as applicable, in accordance with standards set by

1 the applicable department [~~Texas Department of Mental Health and~~  
2 ~~Mental Retardation~~].

3 SECTION 3. Section 247.025, Health and Safety Code, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 247.025. ADOPTION OF RULES. The executive  
6 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission [~~board~~]  
7 shall adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter, including:

8 (1) requirements for the issuance, renewal, denial,  
9 suspension, and revocation of a license to operate an assisted  
10 living facility; and

11 (2) rules to require local mental health authorities  
12 to work with clients to secure safe, appropriate housing to assist  
13 clients in achieving their treatment goals by directing clients to  
14 available assisted living facilities licensed under this chapter  
15 and other establishments that are not required to be licensed under  
16 this chapter that may be an appropriate referral option.

17 SECTION 4. Section 247.031, Health and Safety Code, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Sec. 247.031. MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT. (a) The governing  
20 body of a municipality by ordinance may:

21 (1) prohibit a person who does not hold a license  
22 issued under this chapter from establishing or operating an  
23 assisted living facility within the municipality; and

24 (2) establish a procedure for emergency closure of a  
25 facility in circumstances in which:

26 (A) the facility is established or operating in  
27 violation of Section 247.021; and



1 (B) the continued operation of the facility  
2 creates an immediate threat to the health and safety of a resident  
3 of the facility.

4 (b) The department shall:

5 (1) develop a communications plan, which may include  
6 regional meetings, to educate municipalities about this section;  
7 and

8 (2) create outreach and training materials and  
9 distribute the materials in accordance with the communications  
10 plan.

11 SECTION 5. Chapter 247, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
12 by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

13 SUBCHAPTER E. CRIMINAL PENALTY

14 Sec. 247.101. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) In this section,  
15 "immediate threat to the health or safety" means a situation in  
16 which there is a high probability that serious harm or injury to a  
17 resident could occur at any time or already has occurred and may  
18 occur again if the resident is not protected from the harm or if the  
19 threat is not removed.

20 (b) A person who knowingly operates without a license an  
21 assisted living facility that is required to be licensed under this  
22 chapter in a manner that creates an immediate threat to the health  
23 or safety of a resident of the facility commits an offense.

24 (c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

25 SECTION 6. The heading to Title 4, Health and Safety Code,  
26 is amended to read as follows:

1 TITLE 4. CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES

2 SECTION 7. The heading to Subtitle B, Title 4, Health and  
3 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 SUBTITLE B. LICENSING OF [~~HEALTH~~] FACILITIES

5 SECTION 8. (a) Not later than October 1, 2009, the Health  
6 and Human Services Commission, or a health and human services  
7 agency designated by the commission, shall establish a stakeholder  
8 workgroup to solicit input and make recommendations for revision of  
9 the existing rules on Type E facilities as defined by rules of the  
10 Department of Aging and Disability Services. Members of the  
11 workgroup must include:

- 12 (1) currently licensed Type E facility operators;
- 13 (2) unlicensed boarding house operators;
- 14 (3) local mental health authority staff;
- 15 (4) area agencies on aging representatives;
- 16 (5) regional staff of the Department of Aging and  
17 Disability Services;
- 18 (6) staff of the Department of State Health Services  
19 with responsibility for mental health services; and
- 20 (7) mental health advocates.

21 (b) The workgroup shall:

- 22 (1) examine basic supervision, resident well-being,  
23 nutritional quality, and medication monitoring related to Type E  
24 facilities;
- 25 (2) recommend rules to encourage more boarding house  
26 operators to be licensed as Type E facilities; and
- 27 (3) examine regulatory oversight of Type E facilities

1 and recommend either the Department of Aging and Disability  
2 Services, or the Department of State Health Services to regulate  
3 facilities considering the purpose for which the Type E  
4 classification was created, the services currently regulated by  
5 each agency, and cost.

6 (c) Not later than January 1, 2011, based on the  
7 recommendations of the workgroup, the executive commissioner of the  
8 Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules relating to  
9 the licensing of Type E assisted living facilities.

10 (d) Not later than March 1, 2011, the Health and Human  
11 Services Commission, or a health and human services agency  
12 designated by the commission, shall:

13 (1) provide copies of the rules adopted under  
14 Subsection (c) of this section to the members of the workgroup and  
15 other interested parties;

16 (2) provide training and information to regional state  
17 regulatory staff and local staff on the adopted rules; and

18 (3) provide information on the adopted rules to  
19 boarding houses, state and regional staff employed by the  
20 Department of Aging and Disability Services, state and regional  
21 staff employed by the Department of State Health Services, and  
22 local mental health authorities.

23 SECTION 9. Not later than September 1, 2010, the Health and  
24 Human Services Commission shall evaluate the Section 1915(i) state  
25 plan amendment option of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section  
26 1396n(i)) available under the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Pub.  
27 L. No. 109-171) and the waiver program under Section 1915(c),

1 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396n(c)), to determine if  
2 either would provide a feasible means for funding personal care  
3 services for people with mental illness under the state Medicaid  
4 program.

5 SECTION 10. (a) Not later than January 1, 2011, the  
6 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission  
7 shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Chapter 254, Health  
8 and Safety Code, as added by this Act, and Chapter 247, Health and  
9 Safety Code, as amended by this Act.

10 (b) Not later than June 1, 2011, the Department of State  
11 Health Services shall develop the registry and provide the  
12 education and outreach as required under Chapter 254, Health and  
13 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

14 (c) Notwithstanding Chapter 254, Health and Safety Code, as  
15 added by this Act, a person who owns or operates a boarding house is  
16 not required to hold a certificate of registration on the effective  
17 date of this Act but must hold a certificate of registration under  
18 that chapter not later than September 1, 2011.

19 SECTION 11. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

21 (b) Subchapter C, Chapter 254, Health and Safety Code, as  
22 added by this Act, takes effect September 1, 2011.