

Amend CSSB 23 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY LICENSING EXEMPTIONS. Section 247.004, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

(1) a boarding home facility as defined by Section 254.001;

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

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

(4) a facility that provides personal care services only to persons enrolled in a program that:

(A) is funded in whole or in part by the department and that is monitored by the department or its designated local mental retardation authority in accordance with standards set by the department; or

(B) is funded in whole or in part by the Department of State Health Services and that is monitored by the Department of State Health Services or its designated local mental health authority in accordance with standards set by the Department of State Health Services.