



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 15 JULY 23 PM 4:13
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1 Amend S.B. No. 200 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 322, Health and
5 Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 322.0515 to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 322.0515. AUTHORIZATION FOR WHEELCHAIR SELF-RELEASE
8 SEAT BELT USE. (a) Notwithstanding Section 322.051 and after
9 receipt by a facility of a written authorization signed by a
10 resident or the resident's legal guardian for the resident to
11 use a wheelchair self-release seat belt, the facility shall
12 allow the resident to use a wheelchair self-release seat belt
13 while the resident is in the resident's wheelchair, subject to
14 Subsection (b).

15 (b) A facility may not authorize the use of a wheelchair
16 self-release seat belt under Subsection (a) unless:

17 (1) the resident demonstrates the ability to self
18 release and fasten the seat belt without assistance; and

19 (2) the use of the wheelchair self-release seat belt
20 complies with the resident's plan of care.

21 (b) As soon as practicable after the effective date of
22 this Act but not later than January 1, 2016, the executive
23 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
24 adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

25 (c) Section 322.0515, Health and Safety Code, as added by
26 this section, applies only to the use of a wheelchair self-
27 release seat belt occurring on or after January 1, 2016. Use of
28 a wheelchair self-release seat belt occurring before that date
29 is governed by the law in effect immediately before the

1 effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect
2 for that purpose.