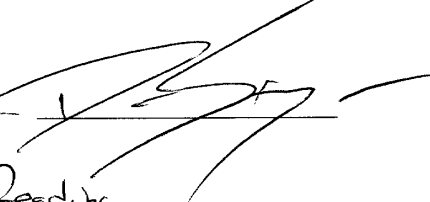




FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: 

*On Third Reading*

1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 204 (~~house committee report~~) by adding  
2 the 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.