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H.B. No. 2787

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to authorization for certain health care facilities to  
3 secure residents with wheelchair safety belts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 322, Health and Safety  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 322.0515 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 322.0515. AUTHORIZATION FOR WHEELCHAIR SAFETY BELT  
8 USE. Notwithstanding Section 322.051 and after receipt by a  
9 facility of a written authorization signed by a resident or the  
10 resident's legal guardian to secure the resident with a wheelchair  
11 safety belt, the facility shall secure the resident with a safety  
12 belt while the resident is in the resident's wheelchair.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.