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H.B. No. 1642

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to reporting requirements for investigations of abuse,  
3 neglect, or exploitation against residents of certain health  
4 facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 260A.007(k), Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (k) If the department determines the report of abuse,  
9 neglect, or exploitation is substantiated at the conclusion of the  
10 investigation, the [The] department shall make a complete final  
11 written report of the investigation and submit the report and its  
12 recommendations to the [~~district attorney and, if a law enforcement~~  
13 ~~agency has not investigated the report of abuse, neglect,~~  
14 ~~exploitation, or other complaint, to the~~] appropriate law  
15 enforcement agency.

16 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
17 an investigation completed on or after the effective date of this  
18 Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.