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H.B. No. 1848

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain
3 long-term care facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 81.003, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by amending Subdivision (4-a) and adding Subdivision (4-b)
7 to read as follows:

8 (4-a) "Long-term care facility" means a facility
9 licensed or regulated under Chapter 242, 247, or 252.

10 (4-b) "Peace officer" has the meaning assigned by
11 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure. The term includes a
12 sheriff or constable.

13 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 81, Health and Safety
14 Code, is amended by adding Sections 81.014 and 81.015 to read as
15 follows:

16 Sec. 81.014. LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY INFECTION PREVENTION
17 AND CONTROL PROGRAM. Each long-term care facility's infection
18 prevention and control program must include:

19 (1) monitoring of key infectious agents,
20 including multidrug-resistant organisms; and

21 (2) procedures for making rapid influenza diagnostic
22 tests available to facility residents.

23 Sec. 81.015. ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP REGIONAL ADVISORY
24 COMMITTEES. (a) The department shall establish a regional

1 advisory committee in each public health region designated under
2 Section 121.007 to address antimicrobial stewardship in long-term
3 care facilities and to improve antimicrobial stewardship through
4 collaborative action.

5 (b) A regional advisory committee established under this
6 section must include:

7 (1) physicians;

8 (2) directors of nursing or equivalent consultants
9 with long-term care facilities;

10 (3) public health officials knowledgeable about
11 antimicrobial stewardship; and

12 (4) other interested parties.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.