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H.B. No. 1922

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to emergency power sources in nursing facilities and assisted living facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 242.053 to read as follows:

Sec. 242.053. EMERGENCY POWER SOURCE REQUIRED. Each nursing facility licensed under this chapter shall ensure the facility is equipped with an emergency power source.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 247, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 247.072 to read as follows:

Sec. 247.072. EMERGENCY POWER SOURCE REQUIRED. Each assisted living facility licensed under this chapter shall ensure the facility is equipped with an emergency power source.

SECTION 3. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement Sections 242.053 and 247.072, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Notwithstanding Sections 242.053 and 247.072, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, a nursing facility or assisted living facility, as applicable, is not required to comply with those sections until December 1, 2019.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.