

AN ACT

relating to investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of home and community support services agencies providing inpatient hospice services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 142, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 142.0095 to read as follows:

Sec. 142.0095. INVESTIGATIONS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES AGENCIES PROVIDING HOSPICE SERVICES. The commission or its authorized representative shall investigate an allegation of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a client of any age of a home and community support services agency if:

(1) the abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurs when the client is receiving inpatient hospice services; and

(2) the alleged perpetrator of the abuse, neglect, or exploitation is an employee, volunteer, contractor, or subcontractor of the home and community support services agency.

SECTION 2. Section 142.0095, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an allegation made on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3079 was passed by the House on April 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3079 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor