

1-1 By: Noble, Guillen H.B. No. 3079
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini, West)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2019;
 1-4 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-5 & Human Services; May 16, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 16, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to investigations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of
 1-21 home and community support services agencies providing inpatient
 1-22 hospice services.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 142, Health and Safety
 1-25 Code, is amended by adding Section 142.0095 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 142.0095. INVESTIGATIONS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
 1-27 SERVICES AGENCIES PROVIDING HOSPICE SERVICES. The commission or
 1-28 its authorized representative shall investigate an allegation of
 1-29 abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a client of any age of a home and
 1-30 community support services agency if:

1-31 (1) the abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurs when
 1-32 the client is receiving inpatient hospice services; and

1-33 (2) the alleged perpetrator of the abuse, neglect, or
 1-34 exploitation is an employee, volunteer, contractor, or
 1-35 subcontractor of the home and community support services agency.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 142.0095, Health and Safety Code, as
 1-37 added by this Act, applies only to an allegation made on or after
 1-38 the effective date of this Act.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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