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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to minimum standards for staffing at assisted living facilities that provide care to persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 247.029(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  The executive commissioner shall adopt minimum standards for an assisted living facility classified under this section. The minimum standards must require the facility to maintain an adequate ratio of direct care staff to residents based on:

(1)  scientific evidence; and

(2)  consideration of the increased need for supervision of residents with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

SECTION 2.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt the minimum standards necessary to implement the change in law made by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.