By:  Spiller, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 3961

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Kolkhorst         X

Perry             X

Blanco            X

Buckingham        X

Campbell          X

Hall              X

Miles             X

Powell            X

Seliger           X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3961 By:  Perry

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to required posting of information regarding the office of the state long-term care ombudsman on certain long-term care facilities' Internet websites.

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

SECTION 1.  Subtitle B, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 260C to read as follows:

CHAPTER 260C. POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN INFORMATION BY CERTAIN FACILITIES

Sec. 260C.001.  DEFINITION. In this chapter, "long-term care facility" means:

(1)  a nursing facility licensed under Chapter 242;

(2)  an assisted living facility licensed under Chapter 247; or

(3)  any other facility providing care to residents who are assisted by the state long-term care ombudsman established under Subchapter F, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code.

Sec. 260C.002.  POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN INFORMATION ON INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a long-term care facility shall post on the facility's Internet website information about the office of the state long-term care ombudsman established under Subchapter F, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code, including:

(1)  information regarding the office's role as an advocate for residents of long-term care facilities; and

(2)  the office's statewide toll-free telephone number.

(b)  A long-term care facility:

(1)  may comply with this section by posting the required information on the Internet website of the facility's parent company if the facility does not maintain a unique Internet website; and

(2)  is not required to comply with this section if the facility and any parent company do not maintain an Internet website.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.

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