

1-1 By: Spiller, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 3961  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2021;  
1-3 May 4, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &  
1-4 Human Services; May 17, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 17, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	<u>X</u>			
1-11	<u>X</u>			
1-12	<u>X</u>			
1-13	<u>X</u>			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3961 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to required posting of information regarding the office of  
1-22 the state long-term care ombudsman on certain long-term care  
1-23 facilities' Internet websites.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-26 amended by adding Chapter 260C to read as follows:

1-27 CHAPTER 260C. POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN  
1-28 INFORMATION BY CERTAIN FACILITIES

1-29 Sec. 260C.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "long-term  
1-30 care facility" means:

1-31 (1) a nursing facility licensed under Chapter 242;

1-32 (2) an assisted living facility licensed under Chapter  
1-33 247; or

1-34 (3) any other facility providing care to residents who  
1-35 are assisted by the state long-term care ombudsman established  
1-36 under Subchapter F, Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code.

1-37 Sec. 260C.002. POSTING OF OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE  
1-38 OMBUDSMAN INFORMATION ON INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) Except as provided  
1-39 by Subsection (b), a long-term care facility shall post on the  
1-40 facility's Internet website information about the office of the  
1-41 state long-term care ombudsman established under Subchapter F,  
1-42 Chapter 101A, Human Resources Code, including:

1-43 (1) information regarding the office's role as an  
1-44 advocate for residents of long-term care facilities; and

1-45 (2) the office's statewide toll-free telephone number.

1-46 (b) A long-term care facility:

1-47 (1) may comply with this section by posting the  
1-48 required information on the Internet website of the facility's  
1-49 parent company if the facility does not maintain a unique Internet  
1-50 website; and

1-51 (2) is not required to comply with this section if the  
1-52 facility and any parent company do not maintain an Internet  
1-53 website.

1-54 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.

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