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S.B. No. 503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to creating the criminal offense of failing to report
3 abuse, neglect, or exploitation in boarding home facilities by
4 certain persons.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 260, Health and Safety Code, is amended
7 by adding Section 260.0091 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 260.0091. REQUIRED REPORTING OF ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR
9 EXPLOITATION BY A LESSOR; CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A person commits
10 an offense if the person:

11 (1) leases to another a building owned by the person
12 that is being operated as a boarding home facility;

13 (2) has actual knowledge that a resident of the
14 boarding home facility is being or has been abused, neglected, or
15 exploited; and

16 (3) fails to report the abuse, neglect, or
17 exploitation to the Department of Family and Protective Services
18 for investigation by that agency.

19 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.