

**House Bill 3961**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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 under the jurisdiction of 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 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 information regarding the office's:

- (1) role as an advocate for residents of long-term care facilities; and
- (2) contact information.

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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.

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

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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

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