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S.B. No. 189

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of a criminal offense concerning the
3 failure of certain persons to report abuse, neglect, or
4 exploitation in boarding home facilities.

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

11 (1) owns a building that the person leases to another
12 person who operates a boarding home facility in the building;

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, 2023.