

1-1 By: Klick, Sheffield, Guerra H.B. No. 1848
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Buckingham)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2019;
 1-4 May 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-5 Human Services; May 20, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain
 1-21 long-term care facilities.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 81.003, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-24 amended by amending Subdivision (4-a) and adding Subdivision (4-b)
 1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 (4-a) "Long-term care facility" means a facility
 1-27 licensed or regulated under Chapter 242, 247, or 252.

1-28 (4-b) "Peace officer" has the meaning assigned by
 1-29 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure. The term includes a
 1-30 sheriff or constable.

1-31 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 81, Health and Safety
 1-32 Code, is amended by adding Sections 81.014 and 81.015 to read as
 1-33 follows:

1-34 Sec. 81.014. LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY INFECTION PREVENTION
 1-35 AND CONTROL PROGRAM. Each long-term care facility's infection
 1-36 prevention and control program must include:

1-37 (1) monitoring of key infectious agents,
 1-38 including multidrug-resistant organisms; and

1-39 (2) procedures for making rapid influenza diagnostic
 1-40 tests available to facility residents.

1-41 Sec. 81.015. ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP REGIONAL ADVISORY
 1-42 COMMITTEES. (a) The department shall establish a regional
 1-43 advisory committee in each public health region designated under
 1-44 Section 121.007 to address antimicrobial stewardship in long-term
 1-45 care facilities and to improve antimicrobial stewardship through
 1-46 collaborative action.

1-47 (b) A regional advisory committee established under this
 1-48 section must include:

1-49 (1) physicians;

1-50 (2) directors of nursing or equivalent consultants
 1-51 with long-term care facilities;

1-52 (3) public health officials knowledgeable about
 1-53 antimicrobial stewardship; and

1-54 (4) other interested parties.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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