

1-1 By: Miles, West S.B. No. 189
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 14, 2022; February 15, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
 1-4 Services; April 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the creation of a criminal offense concerning the
 1-20 failure of certain persons to report abuse, neglect, or
 1-21 exploitation in boarding home facilities.

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

1-23 SECTION 1. Chapter 260, Health and Safety Code, is amended
 1-24 by adding Section 260.0091 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 260.0091. REQUIRED REPORT BY LESSOR OF ABUSE, NEGLECT,
 1-26 OR EXPLOITATION; CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A person commits an offense
 1-27 if the person:

1-28 (1) owns a building that the person leases to another
 1-29 person who operates a boarding home facility in the building;

1-30 (2) has actual knowledge that a resident of the
 1-31 boarding home facility is being or has been abused, neglected, or
 1-32 exploited; and

1-33 (3) fails to report the abuse, neglect, or
 1-34 exploitation to the Department of Family and Protective Services
 1-35 for investigation by that agency.

1-36 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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