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H.B. No. 3711
Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3711:
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) procedures for making rapid influenza diagnostic tests available to facility residents.

Sec. 81.015. ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES. (a) The department shall establish a regional
(b) A regional advisory committee established under this section must include:

1. physicians;
2. directors of nursing or equivalent consultants with long-term care facilities;
3. public health officials knowledgeable about antimicrobial stewardship; and
4. other interested parties.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.