

1 AN ACT

2 relating to quality-of-care monitoring visits to long-term care
3 facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 255.001, Health and
6 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) "Department" means the [~~Texas~~] Department of Aging
8 and Disability [~~Human~~] Services.

9 SECTION 2. Subsections (a) and (f), Section 255.003, Health
10 and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

11 (a) The department shall establish regional offices with
12 one or more quality-of-care monitors, based on the number of
13 long-term care facilities in the region, to monitor the facilities
14 in the region on a regular, [~~unannounced,~~] aperiodic basis,
15 including nights, evenings, weekends, and holidays. A monitoring
16 visit conducted under this chapter may be announced or unannounced.

17 (f) The quality-of-care monitor shall include in a
18 monitoring [~~an assessment~~] visit:

19 (1) observation of the care and services rendered to
20 residents; and

21 (2) formal and informal interviews with residents,
22 family members, facility staff, resident guests, volunteers, other
23 regulatory staff, and representatives of a human rights advocacy
24 committee.

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Swinhurst
President of the Senate

Jim Caddell
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 874 passed the Senate on April 14, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Letsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 874 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Hanesy
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUNE '05
Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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