

## CHAPTER 851

H.B. No. 1739

## AN ACT

relating to dental examinations in nursing homes and convalescent homes and related institutions.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 7, Chapter 413, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953 (Article 4442c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (l) to read as follows:

*(l) The Licensing Agency shall require that each resident of a nursing home or custodial care home or his or her custodian be asked once per year whether he or she wishes to have a dental examination and possible treatment at his or her own expense. Each nursing home or custodial care home shall be encouraged to use all reasonable efforts to arrange for dental examination for those residents who indicated a desire for such examination. However, the nursing home or custodial care home is not liable for any costs relating to the examination.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 30, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1739 on May 28, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.