

## CHAPTER 114

S.B. No. 1134

## AN ACT

relating to the certification of nursing homes and related institutions that provide specialized care for persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 413, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, as amended (Article 4442c, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 19 to read as follows:

*Sec. 19. CERTIFICATION OF INSTITUTIONS THAT CARE FOR PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS. (a) The Licensing Agency shall establish an optional system for certifying institutions that meet standards adopted by the Licensing Agency concerning the specialized care and treatment of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.*

*(b) An institution is not required to be certified under this section in order to provide care and treatment of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.*

*(c) The Licensing Agency may adopt rules providing standards for the specialized care and treatment of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and providing certification procedures for institutions that want to be certified under this section. The rules must provide for annual certification.*

*(d) The Licensing Agency may establish and charge fees for certification under this section in an amount necessary to administer this section. The Licensing Agency shall deposit all fees collected under this subsection in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund.*

*(e) An institution may not advertise or in any way communicate that the institution is certified by the Licensing Agency to provide specialized care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders unless the institution is certified under this section.*

*(f) An institution commits an offense if the institution advertises or in any other way communicates that it is certified by the Licensing Agency to provide specialized care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders without obtaining certification under this section. An offense under this subsection is a Class C misdemeanor.*

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.

Passed the Senate on April 9, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House on May 7, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.