

AN ACT

1
2 relating to reporting requirements for investigations of abuse,
3 neglect, or exploitation against residents of certain health
4 facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 260A.007(k), Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (k) If the department determines the report of abuse,
9 neglect, or exploitation is substantiated at the conclusion of the
10 investigation, the [The] department shall make a complete final
11 written report of the investigation and submit the report and its
12 recommendations to the [~~district attorney and, if a law enforcement~~
13 ~~agency has not investigated the report of abuse, neglect,~~
14 ~~exploitation, or other complaint, to the~~] appropriate law
15 enforcement agency.

16 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
17 an investigation completed on or after the effective date of this
18 Act.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1642 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1642 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor