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Committee Assigned: Retirement & Aging

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RESOLUTION

Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities to provide wrist or ankle bracelets

A RESOLUTION TO: Require Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities to provide wrist or ankle bracelets for each resident, giving basic identification information under the guidelines allowed by HIPAA.

WHEREAS, Seniors are often disoriented and cannot remember names, place of residence, or necessary information when moved from familiar surroundings; and

WHEREAS, In an emergency such as evacuation due to weather conditions, it is possible for seniors to be separated from their caregivers; and their families are unable to locate them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature enact legislation to require Nursing Homes and Assisted Living facilities to provide wrist or ankle bracelets for each resident, giving basic identification information under the guidelines allowed by HIPAA.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2006, by
the Retirement and Aging Committee.

Brigitte Rogers, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2006, by
the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary