

RESOLUTION

Establish criminal background checks and registry for Health Care Professionals and Attendants

A RESOLUTION TO: Require criminal background checks for new health care professionals and attendants.

WHEREAS, Some states presently have nurse aid and health care registries, these registries are often not comprehensive or efficiently maintained and many do not require criminal backgrounds of health care professionals and attendants; and

WHEREAS, Proper and adequate registries of abusive health care workers do not exist. People who have stories of abuse or serious crimes in one state can travel to another state or go from one nursing home to a home agency to find work without ever undergoing a criminal background check; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature pass a Law that will cause all health care agencies licensed to operate within the State to cause a background investigation of their new employees and require the health care employee's signature agreeing that copies of investigative reports maybe made available to other health care agencies that may need a copy for their official use. A registry containing the background investigations of their employees shall be created and retained by each agency.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of September, 2006, by
the Health and Human Resources Committee.

Glen Provost, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2006, by
the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary