

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, a person who threatens the health and safety of a nursing home resident is liable for a civil penalty from \$1,000 to \$20,000. The Long-Term Care Legislative Oversight Committee recommends that the attorney general represent the state in an effort to recover such a penalty. This bill authorizes the attorney general to bring an action to recover a civil penalty in cases regarding nursing home facilities.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 18 authorizes the attorney general to bring an action to recover a civil penalty from certain nursing homes and related institutions.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 242.065(a), Health and Safety Code, to authorize the attorney general to bring an action to recover a civil penalty under this section, at the request of the Texas Department of Human Services.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.