

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The Veterans Land Board (VLB) owns four State Veterans Homes (TSVH) licensed under Chapter 242 (Convalescent and Nursing Homes and Related Institutions), Health & Safety Code. Section 242.096 (Nursing and Convalescent Home Trust Fund and Emergency Assistance Funds), Health & Safety Code, establishes an emergency assistance fund to be used to meet the basic needs of residents should a licensed home go into receivership. The Department of Human Services is authorized to assess a fee against all licensed convalescent or nursing homes if this fund drops below a certain level. Although TSVH has to pay into the fund, it would never benefit from the fund. Should a veterans home lose its license or close, VLB would resume control of the home and appoint a new operator. As proposed, S.B. 1237 exempts veterans homes from Section 242.097 (Additional License Fee - Nursing and Convalescent Homes), Health & Safety Code.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 242.097, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (d) to provide that the provisions of this section do not apply to the veterans homes as defined by Section 164.002(7) (Definitions), Natural Resources Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.