

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, employees and applicants for employment in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other institutions licensed by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) are required to undergo criminal background checks.

This bill would add a "special care facility" licensed by the Department of State Health Services to the list of facilities whose employees, and prospective employees, are required to submit to criminal history checks.

H.B. 3737 relates to criminal history checks for employees of, and applications for employment at, special care facilities.

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 the heading to Chapter 250, Health and Safety Code, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 250. NURSE AIDE REGISTRY AND CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS OF
EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN CERTAIN FACILITIES
SERVING THE ELDERLY, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, OR PERSONS
WITH TERMINAL ILLNESSES

SECTION 2. Amends Section 250.001(3), Health and Safety Code, to redefine "facility."

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2009.