

Sec. 242.003. EXEMPTIONS. Except as otherwise provided, this chapter does not apply to:

- (1) a hotel or other similar place that furnishes only food, lodging, or both, to its guests;
- (2) a hospital;
- (3) an establishment conducted by or for the adherents of a well-recognized church or religious denomination for the purpose of providing facilities for the care or treatment of the sick who depend exclusively on prayer or spiritual means for healing, without the use of any drug or material remedy, if the establishment complies with safety, sanitary, and quarantine laws and rules;
- (4) an establishment that furnishes, in addition to food, shelter, and laundry, only baths and massages;
- (5) an institution operated by a person licensed by the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
- (6) a facility that:
 - (A) primarily engages in training, habilitation, rehabilitation, or education of clients or residents;
 - (B) is operated under the jurisdiction of a state or federal agency, including the commission, department, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Department of State Health Services, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and
 - (C) is certified through inspection or evaluation as meeting the standards established by the state or federal agency;
- (7) a foster care type residential facility that serves fewer than five persons and operates under rules adopted by the executive commissioner; and
- (8) a facility licensed under Chapter [252](#) or exempt from licensure under Section [252.003](#).

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989. Amended by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 14, Sec. 88, eff. Sept. 1, 1991; Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 693, Sec. 3, eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Amended by:

Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. 87 (S.B. [1969](#)), Sec. 25.093, eff. September 1, 2009.

Acts 2015, 84th Leg., R.S., Ch. 1 (S.B. [219](#)), Sec. 3.0593, eff. April 2, 2015.