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H.B. No. 797

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to allowing home and hospice agencies to administer certain vaccines.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 142.0062, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) read as follows:

Sec. 142.0062. POSSESSION OF CERTAIN VACCINES OR TUBERCULIN. (a) A home and community support services agency or its employees who are registered nurses or licensed vocational nurses may purchase, store, or transport for the purpose of administering to the agency's employees, home health or hospice patients, or patient family members under physician's standing orders the following dangerous drugs:

(1) hepatitis B vaccine;

(2) influenza vaccine;

(3) tuberculin purified protein derivative for tuberculosis testing; ~~and~~

(4) pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine; and

(5) any FDA-approved vaccine created to treat or mitigate the spread of a communicable disease.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the votes necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.