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H.B. No. 1291

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1291:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1291

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to notice of the right to object to participation in an
3 abortion procedure for health care personnel of a hospital or
4 health care facility.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 103, Occupations Code, is amended by
7 adding Section 103.005 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 103.005. REQUIRED NOTICE. (a) A hospital or health
9 care facility at which abortions are performed, including a
10 facility licensed under Chapter 245, Health and Safety Code, shall
11 post a sign in a location easily visible to each physician, nurse,
12 staff member, or employee of the hospital or facility who performs
13 or participates or may perform or participate in an abortion
14 procedure.

15 (b) The sign must inform each physician, nurse, staff
16 member, or employee that:

17 (1) the individual has a right to object to directly or
18 indirectly performing or participating in an abortion procedure;

19 (2) the hospital or health care facility is prohibited
20 from discriminating against the individual for refusing to perform
21 or participate in an abortion procedure; and

22 (3) the individual may be entitled to a remedy,
23 including injunctive relief, affirmative relief, and any other
24 necessary relief, under Section 103.003 for a violation of the

1 individual's right to object.

2 (c) The sign must be:

3 (1) at least 11 inches by 17 inches in size and written
4 in at least a 16-point font; and

5 (2) posted separately in:

6 (A) English;

7 (B) Spanish; and

8 (C) any other primary language spoken by 10
9 percent or more of the hospital or health care facility's
10 physicians, nurses, staff members, or employees who perform or
11 participate or may perform or participate in an abortion procedure.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.