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H.B. No. 1697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of sex offender treatment by certain physicians and psychologists.

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

SECTION 1. Section 110.301(c), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) This section does not apply to:

(1) a physician whose treatment of a sex offender is limited to prescribing medication to the sex offender; or

(2) a person who is licensed in this state to practice as a physician or psychologist and has completed:

(A) at least 24 hours of training in the specific area of sex offender assessment and treatment; and

(B) at least eight hours of continuing education training in the specific area of sex offender assessment and treatment during each 12-month period in which the physician or psychologist provides sex offender treatment or acts as a sex offender treatment provider.

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 vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.