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H.B. No. 4552

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to pregnancy resource center reporting requirements.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle H, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 174 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 174. PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS

Sec. 174.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "pregnancy resource center" means an organization, including a pregnancy counseling organization, crisis pregnancy center, pregnancy care center, or pregnancy support center, that for a fee or free of charge provides pregnancy counseling or information but:

(1) does not perform abortions or make referrals to an abortion provider;

(2) does not provide or make referrals for comprehensive birth control services;

(3) is not licensed or certified by this state or the federal government to provide medical or health care services; and

(4) is not required to have a physician under contract to provide or directly supervise all health care services provided by the organization.

Sec. 174.002. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. (a) Each pregnancy resource center shall submit a monthly report to the commission containing information on each patient receiving services provided by the center. The report must be submitted on the form prescribed

1 by the commission and made available on the commission's Internet
2 website.

3 (b) The report must include:

4 (1) the licensing status of the center;

5 (2) each patient's year of birth, race, marital
6 status, and county and state of residence;

7 (3) the type of services provided;

8 (4) the date the services were provided;

9 (5) the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn
10 child based on the best judgment of the attending physician or other
11 health care practitioner at the time services were provided;

12 (6) the date, if known, of each patient's last
13 menstrual cycle;

14 (7) the number of previous live births of each
15 patient; and

16 (8) the number of previous induced abortions of each
17 patient, if applicable.

18 (c) Not later than the 15th day of each month, the pregnancy
19 resource center shall submit to the commission the report required
20 by this section for each person receiving services provided by the
21 center in the preceding calendar month.

22 (d) The commission shall provide the information submitted
23 under this section biannually in a report to the members of the
24 legislature.

25 (e) The commission shall remove the name, birth date, and
26 any other personal identifying information of a patient from a
27 report submitted under Subsection (d).

1 (f) A pregnancy resource center or health care practitioner
2 that violates this section is subject to disciplinary action by the
3 state agency that regulates the center or practitioner as if the
4 center or practitioner had violated the applicable licensing law.

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