

1 AN ACT

2 relating to certain vocational nursing students providing services
3 during a declared state of disaster.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code, is amended
6 by adding Subchapter T to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER T. SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTAIN VOCATIONAL NURSING
8 STUDENTS

9 Sec. 242.951. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "disaster"
10 has the meaning assigned by Section 418.004, Government Code.

11 Sec. 242.952. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies only
12 to a student who is:

13 (1) enrolled in an accredited school or program that
14 is preparing the student for licensure as a licensed vocational
15 nurse; and

16 (2) participating in a clinical program at a facility
17 licensed under this chapter.

18 Sec. 242.953. SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTAIN VOCATIONAL
19 NURSING STUDENTS. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, services
20 that are provided by a student to whom this subchapter applies in a
21 facility licensed under this chapter and authorized by a contract
22 or other arrangement with the facility are allowed at all times in
23 this state, including during a declared state of disaster.

24 (b) A facility licensed under this chapter may:

1 (1) require a student to comply with the facility's
2 policies regarding health screenings or the use of personal
3 protective equipment; and

4 (2) condition the student's provision of services on
5 compliance with the facility's policies described by Subdivision
6 (1).

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1856 passed the Senate on April 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1856 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor