

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34.002(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The review committee is a multidisciplinary advisory committee within the department and is composed of the following 23 [~~17~~] members:

(1) 21 [~~15~~] members appointed by the commissioner as follows:

(A) four physicians specializing in obstetrics, at least one of whom is a maternal fetal medicine specialist;

(B) one certified nurse-midwife;

(C) one registered nurse;

(D) one nurse specializing in labor and delivery;

(E) one physician specializing in family practice;

(F) one physician specializing in psychiatry;

(G) one physician specializing in pathology;

(H) one epidemiologist, biostatistician, or researcher of pregnancy-related deaths;

(I) one social worker or social service provider;

(J) two [~~one~~] community members with experience

1 ~~[advocate]~~ in a relevant health care field, including a field
2 involving the analysis of health care data, one of whom must
3 represent an urban area of this state and one of whom must represent
4 a rural area of this state;

5 (K) one medical examiner or coroner responsible
6 for recording deaths; ~~[and]~~

7 (L) one physician specializing in critical care;

8 (M) one physician specializing in emergency
9 care;

10 (N) one physician specializing in cardiology;

11 (O) one physician specializing in
12 anesthesiology;

13 (P) one physician specializing in oncology; and

14 (Q) one representative of a managed care
15 organization;

16 (2) a representative of the department's family and
17 community health programs; and

18 (3) the state epidemiologist for the department or the
19 epidemiologist's designee.

20 SECTION 2. Section 34.003(a), Health and Safety Code, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (a) Review committee members appointed by the commissioner
23 serve staggered six-year terms, with one-third or as near as
24 possible to one-third of the members' terms ~~[of four or five~~
25 ~~members, as appropriate,]~~ expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered
26 year.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 852 was passed by the House on April 14, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 127, Nays 16, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 852 on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 5, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 852 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor