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H.B. No. 852

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

7 (b) The review committee is a multidisciplinary advisory
8 committee within the department and is composed of the following 21
9 [~~17~~] members:

10 (1) 19 [~~15~~] members appointed by the commissioner as
11 follows:

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

14 (B) one certified nurse-midwife;

15 (C) one registered nurse;

16 (D) one nurse specializing in labor and delivery;

17 (E) one physician specializing in family
18 practice;

19 (F) one physician specializing in psychiatry;

20 (G) one physician specializing in pathology;

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

23 (I) one social worker or social service provider;

24 (J) one community advocate in a relevant field;

1 (K) one medical examiner or coroner responsible
2 for recording deaths; ~~and~~

3 (L) one physician specializing in critical care;

4 (M) one physician specializing in emergency
5 care;

6 (N) one physician specializing in cardiology;

7 (O) one physician specializing in
8 anesthesiology; and

9 (P) one physician specializing in oncology;

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

12 (3) the state epidemiologist for the department or the
13 epidemiologist's designee.

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

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

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