

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 161
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 14, 2022;
 1-3 February 15, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Health & Human Services; April 17, 2023, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the procedure for certain complaints against health
 1-20 care practitioners.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 112, Occupations Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

1-24 SUBCHAPTER C. COMPLAINT REFERRALS

1-25 Sec. 112.101. COMPLAINTS AGAINST HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER
 1-26 LICENSED BY DIFFERENT LICENSING ENTITY. (a) Notwithstanding any
 1-27 other law, a licensing entity that receives a complaint concerning
 1-28 a health care practitioner who holds a license issued by a different
 1-29 licensing entity shall promptly forward a copy of the complaint to
 1-30 that licensing entity.

1-31 (b) A licensing entity may not take disciplinary action
 1-32 based on a complaint against a health care practitioner who holds a
 1-33 license issued by a different licensing entity unless that
 1-34 licensing entity refers the complaint back to the licensing entity
 1-35 that received the complaint for investigation and resolution.

1-36 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-37 a complaint filed against a health care practitioner on or after the
 1-38 effective date of this Act. A complaint filed before the effective
 1-39 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
 1-40 complaint was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for
 1-41 that purpose.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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