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S.B. No. 1825

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to required reportable disease training for certain health care practitioners.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Chapter 117 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 117. TRAINING COURSE ON REPORTABLE DISEASES

Sec. 117.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

(2) "Executive commissioner" means the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

(3) "Qualifying health care practitioner" means an individual who:

(A) holds a license, certificate, permit, or other authorization issued under this title to engage in a health care profession and who provides direct patient care; and

(B) is required to report a suspected reportable disease to the local health authority under Section 81.042, Health and Safety Code.

(4) "Reportable disease" has the meaning assigned by Section 81.003, Health and Safety Code.

Sec. 117.002. REQUIRED TRAINING COURSE ON PROCEDURES FOR REPORTABLE DISEASE REPORTING FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE

1 PRACTITIONERS. (a) A qualifying health care practitioner within  
2 the time prescribed by commission rule shall complete a training  
3 course approved by the executive commissioner on the procedures for  
4 reportable disease reporting.

5 (b) The executive commissioner shall:

6 (1) approve training courses on the procedures for  
7 reportable disease reporting; and

8 (2) post a list of the approved training courses on the  
9 commission's Internet website.

10 (c) An approved training course under Subsection (b) may not  
11 be less than three hours, and must include:

12 (1) information on the most recent list of reportable  
13 diseases maintained under Section 81.041, Health and Safety Code;

14 (2) the reporting time requirements for each disease  
15 on the list; and

16 (3) an overview of state agency rules relating to  
17 reportable diseases.

18 (d) The executive commissioner shall update the list of  
19 approved training courses described by Subsection (b) as necessary  
20 and consider for approval training courses conducted by health care  
21 facilities.

22 Sec. 117.003. TRAINING REQUIRED FOR LICENSE RENEWAL. A  
23 qualifying health care practitioner shall complete a training  
24 course described by Section 117.002 as part of the practitioner's  
25 continuing education requirements for renewal of a license,  
26 certificate, permit, or other authorization issued to the health  
27 care practitioner under this title.

1           SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
2 date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
3 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
4 Chapter 117, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

5           (b) Notwithstanding Section 117.002, Occupations Code, as  
6 added by this Act, a health care practitioner is not required to  
7 comply with that section before September 1, 2024.

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