

By: Keffer of Eastland

H.B. No. 2702

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to immunization programs.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 241 of the Health and Safety Code is amended by adding Section 241.157 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.157. IMMUNIZATIONS BY HOSPITALS. (a) This section applies to institutions licensed under Chapter 241.

(b) Between October 1, or earlier if the vaccination is available, and February 1 of every year, provided a patient's medical condition permits, every patient aged 65 or older shall be provided the opportunity to receive vaccination against influenza, in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control in effect at the time of vaccination, incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Receipt of the vaccination shall be documented on the patient's chart and made a part of the patient's permanent hospital record.

(d) Prior to administration of the vaccination, diligence shall be exercised to determine whether the patient has already received the influenza vaccination for the year in question.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.