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H.B. No. 162

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 162:

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C.S.H.B. No. 162

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notifying certain providers of emergency care of possible exposure to certain reportable diseases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 81.048, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) A hospital that gives notice of a possible exposure under Subsection (c) or a local health authority that receives notice of a possible exposure under Subsection (c) may give notice of the possible exposure to a person other than emergency medical personnel, a peace officer, or a fire fighter if the person demonstrates that the person was exposed to the reportable disease while providing emergency care. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.