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H.B. No. 660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training in gerontology 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 111 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 111. GERONTOLOGY TRAINING

Sec. 111.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "health care practitioner" means an individual who is licensed in this state to provide health care services. The term includes a physician, a registered nurse, a psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, and any other license holder under this code who, in providing health care services, provides therapy or counseling services.

Sec. 111.002. TRAINING IN GERONTOLOGY; RULES; NOTICE. (a) Each state regulatory agency that licenses health care practitioners shall adopt rules to approve training in gerontology as acceptable for continuing education, particularly for practitioners who, in the normal course of their professional practice, provide health care services to elderly persons.

(b) A state regulatory agency affected by this section shall:

(1) adopt rules regarding the eligibility of gerontology training for continuing education; and

1                   (2) notify its license holders of the training.

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