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H.B. No. 1492

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to work-related exposure to a reportable disease.

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

SECTION 1. Section 81.050(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person whose occupation or whose volunteer service is included in one or more of the following categories may request the department or a health authority to order testing of another person who may have exposed the person to a reportable disease, including HIV infection:

(1) a law enforcement officer;

(2) a fire fighter;

(3) an emergency medical service employee or paramedic; ~~or~~

(4) a correctional officer; or

(5) an employee, contractor, or volunteer, other than a correctional officer, who performs a service in a correctional facility as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, or a secure correctional facility or secure detention facility as defined by Section 51.02, Family Code.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a person exposed on or after the effective date of this Act. A person exposed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the exposure occurred, and that law is continued in effect for

1 that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.