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H.B. No. 2195

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the disclosure of certain confidential health  
3 information to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 241, Health and Safety  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 241.1531 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 241.1531. EXCHANGE OF INMATE'S HEALTH CARE  
8 INFORMATION. Notwithstanding any other law of this state, the  
9 health care information of a patient who is a defendant or inmate  
10 confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas  
11 Department of Criminal Justice may be exchanged between health care  
12 personnel of the department and health care personnel of The  
13 University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston or the Texas Tech  
14 University Health Sciences Center. The authorization of the  
15 defendant or inmate is not required for the exchange of  
16 information.

17 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 241.1531,  
18 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, is intended to clarify  
19 rather than change existing law.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.