

1-1 By: Madden (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire) H.B. No. 2195  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2005;  
1-3 April 26, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Criminal Justice; May 18, 2005, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 18, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the disclosure of certain confidential health  
1-9 information to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 241, Health and Safety  
1-12 Code, is amended by adding Section 241.1531 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 241.1531. EXCHANGE OF INMATE'S HEALTH CARE  
1-14 INFORMATION. Notwithstanding any other law of this state, the  
1-15 health care information of a patient who is a defendant or inmate  
1-16 confined in a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas  
1-17 Department of Criminal Justice may be exchanged between health care  
1-18 personnel of the department and health care personnel of The  
1-19 University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston or the Texas Tech  
1-20 University Health Sciences Center. The authorization of the  
1-21 defendant or inmate is not required for the exchange of  
1-22 information.

1-23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 241.1531,  
1-24 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, is intended to clarify  
1-25 rather than change existing law.

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-28 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-29 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-30 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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