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S.B. No. 555

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for certain medical treatment consent forms.

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

SECTION 1. Section 74.103(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The panel shall prepare separate lists of those medical treatments and surgical procedures that do and do not require disclosure and, for those treatments and procedures that do require disclosure, shall establish the degree of disclosure required and the form in which the disclosure will be made. Each provision of a disclosure form prepared under this subsection must be printed in English, Spanish, and any other language the panel considers appropriate. The information must be presented in a manner understandable to a layperson.

SECTION 2. (a) The Texas Medical Disclosure Panel shall provide new forms and revise existing forms according to the requirements of Section 74.103(b), Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as amended by this Act, not later than January 1, 2006.

(b) This Act applies only to those medical treatments and surgical procedures determined by the Texas Medical Disclosure Panel to require disclosure of the risks and hazards to the patient or person authorized to consent for the patient that are performed at least 90 days after the date the notice of the adoption of the

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1 form required to be distributed under Section 74.103(b), Civil
2 Practice and Remedies Code, as amended by this Act, is published in
3 the Texas Register.

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