

Amend SB 1879, in third reading, by adding the following SECTIONS to the bill, and renumbering the sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 107, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. PAIN TREATMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Sec. 107.201. PAIN TREATMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE. (a) The following individuals shall be appointed as a review committee on pain treatment:

(1) the attorney general or the attorney general's designee;

(2) a physician who practices at a public hospital in this state;

(3) a physician who practices at a private hospital in this state;

(4) a physician who practices in this state as a psychiatrist specializing in the treatment of addictive diseases;

(5) a probate court judge licensed to practice law in this state;

(6) a member of the governing board of the American Cancer Society, Texas Division, or the member's designee;

(7) a member of the governing board of the Texas Medical Association or the member's designee;

(8) a member of the governing board of the Texas Nurses Association or the member's designee;

(9) an officer of a public hospital in this state who is a member of the governing board of the Texas Hospital Association or the member's designee;

(10) an officer of a private hospital in this state who is a member of the governing board of the Texas Hospital Association or the member's designee; and

(11) a public member who is a resident of this state.

(b) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint five of the members described by Subsections (a)(2) through (11).

(c) The following individuals serve on the committee as nonvoting resource members and are appointed by the executive

director of the agency the member represents:

(1) a pharmacist member of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy;

(2) a physician member of the Texas Medical Board;

(3) a nurse member of the Board of Nurse Examiners;

(4) a representative of the Department of Aging and Disability Services; and

(5) a representative of the narcotics regulatory programs of the Department of Public Safety.

(d) The committee shall study the relevant provisions in the laws of this state that relate to the administration of prescription medication, controlled substances, and the needs of patients for effective pain control and management. The committee shall examine how the following statutes affect public health needs, the professional medical community, and persons affected by acute, chronic, or end-of-life pain:

(1) this chapter;

(2) Subtitles B, E, I, and J of this title; and

(3) Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code.

(e) The committee shall meet at least once every three months.

(f) Not later than September 1, 2008, the committee shall report any changes recommended to the statutes examined under Subsection (d) to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the appropriate standing committees in the senate and the house of representatives that have jurisdiction over the issues studied by the committee.

(g) This section expires July 1, 2009.