

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1373
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2007;
1-3 April 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 15, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 15, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to creating the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Glenda Dawson Act.

1-11 SECTION 2. The state finds that the treatment of chronic
1-12 kidney disease is a tremendous expense and that the early diagnosis
1-13 and effective treatment of chronic kidney disease can prolong lives
1-14 and delay the high cost of medical treatment, including dialysis
1-15 and transplantation.

1-16 SECTION 3. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
1-17 amended by adding Chapter 98 to read as follows:

1-18 CHAPTER 98. CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE

1-19 Sec. 98.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

1-20 (1) "Department" means the Department of State Health
1-21 Services.

1-22 (2) "Task force" means the Chronic Kidney Disease Task
1-23 Force.

1-24 Sec. 98.002. CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE. (a) The
1-25 Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force is composed of:

1-26 (1) 13 members appointed by the governor as follows:

1-27 (A) one family practice physician;

1-28 (B) one pathologist;

1-29 (C) one representative from a nephrology
1-30 department of a state medical school;

1-31 (D) one nephrologist in private practice;

1-32 (E) two representatives from different Texas
1-33 affiliates of the National Kidney Foundation;

1-34 (F) one representative from the department;

1-35 (G) one representative of an insurer that issues
1-36 a preferred provider benefit plan or of a health maintenance
1-37 organization;

1-38 (H) one representative of clinical laboratories;

1-39 (I) one representative of private renal care
1-40 providers;

1-41 (J) one pediatrician in private practice;

1-42 (K) one kidney transplant surgeon; and

1-43 (L) one representative from the Texas Renal
1-44 Coalition;

1-45 (2) two members of the senate appointed by the
1-46 lieutenant governor; and

1-47 (3) two members of the house of representatives
1-48 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

1-49 (b) The governor shall designate a member of the task force
1-50 to serve as the presiding officer of the task force. The presiding
1-51 officer serves at the will of the governor.

1-52 (c) Appointments to the task force shall be made without
1-53 regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or
1-54 national origin of the appointees.

1-55 Sec. 98.003. DUTIES. The task force shall:

1-56 (1) develop a plan to educate health care
1-57 professionals about the advantages and methods of early screening,
1-58 diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney disease and
1-59 complications related to chronic kidney disease based on the Kidney
1-60 Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative Clinical Practice Guidelines
1-61 for Chronic Kidney Disease or other medically recognized clinical
1-62 practice guidelines;

1-63 (2) develop a plan to educate health care
1-64 professionals and individuals with chronic kidney disease about the

2-1 advantages of end-stage renal disease modality education and early
2-2 renal replacement therapy, including in-center dialysis, home
2-3 hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis as well as other access options,
2-4 and transplantation, before the onset of end-stage renal disease
2-5 when kidney function is declining; and

2-6 (3) make recommendations on the implementation of a
2-7 cost-effective plan for early screening, diagnosis, and treatment
2-8 of chronic kidney disease for the state's population.

2-9 Sec. 98.004. REIMBURSEMENT. A member of the task force is
2-10 not entitled to compensation but, at the discretion of the
2-11 department, is entitled to reimbursement for the member's actual
2-12 and necessary expenses in attending meetings of the task force and
2-13 performing other official duties authorized by the presiding
2-14 officer.

2-15 Sec. 98.005. ASSISTANCE. The department shall provide
2-16 administrative support to the task force, including necessary staff
2-17 and meeting facilities.

2-18 Sec. 98.006. REPORT. Not later than January 1, 2009, the
2-19 task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to:

2-20 (1) the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of
2-21 the house of representatives; and

2-22 (2) the presiding officers of the Senate Committee on
2-23 Health and Human Services and the Public Health Committee of the
2-24 house of representatives, or the appropriate committees of the 81st
2-25 Legislature.

2-26 Sec. 98.007. FUNDING. (a) The task force, through the
2-27 department, may accept gifts and grants from individuals, private
2-28 or public organizations, or federal or local funds to support the
2-29 task force.

2-30 (b) The department shall investigate any potential sources
2-31 of funding from federal grants or programs.

2-32 Sec. 98.008. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Chapter 2110,
2-33 Government Code, does not apply to the task force.

2-34 Sec. 98.009. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and
2-35 this chapter expires on September 1, 2009.

2-36 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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