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S.B. No. 591

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that licensed physicians provide emergency contact information to the Texas Medical Board.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 156, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 156.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 156.006. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION. (a) Each license holder shall submit to the board telephone numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses, if available and as appropriate, that the board may use to contact the license holder in an emergency.

(b) A license holder who receives an initial registration permit shall provide the information required under Subsection (a) not later than the 30th day after the date the permit is issued. Each license holder who applies to renew a registration permit shall submit the information required under Subsection (a) with the renewal application.

(c) A license holder shall report to the board any change in the information required under Subsection (a) not later than the 45th day after the date of the change.

(d) The information provided by a license holder under this section is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code. The board may not disclose information provided by a license holder under this section to any

1 person and may use the information only to contact a license holder
2 in an emergency.

3 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2007, each person
4 who holds a license to practice medicine under Chapter 155,
5 Occupations Code, shall submit to the Texas Medical Board telephone
6 numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses, if available and as
7 appropriate, that the board may use to contact the license holder in
8 an emergency.

9 (b) The information provided by a license holder under this
10 section is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under
11 Chapter 552, Government Code. The Texas Medical Board may not
12 disclose information provided by a license holder under this
13 section to any person and may use the information only to contact a
14 license holder in an emergency.

15 (c) This section expires September 1, 2008.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.