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1-4 Services; March 12, 2007, reported favorably by the following
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the requirement that licensed physicians provide
1-9 emergency contact information to the Texas Medical Board.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 156, Occupations Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 156.006 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 156.006. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION. (a) Each
1-14 license holder shall submit to the board telephone numbers, fax
1-15 numbers, and e-mail addresses, if available and as appropriate,
1-16 that the board may use to contact the license holder in an
1-17 emergency.

1-18 (b) A license holder who receives an initial registration
1-19 permit shall provide the information required under Subsection (a)
1-20 not later than the 30th day after the date the permit is issued.
1-21 Each license holder who applies to renew a registration permit
1-22 shall submit the information required under Subsection (a) with the
1-23 renewal application.

1-24 (c) A license holder shall report to the board any change in
1-25 the information required under Subsection (a) not later than the
1-26 45th day after the date of the change.

1-27 (d) The information provided by a license holder under this
1-28 section is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under
1-29 Chapter 552, Government Code. The board may not disclose
1-30 information provided by a license holder under this section to any
1-31 person and may use the information only to contact a license holder
1-32 in an emergency.

1-33 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2007, each person
1-34 who holds a license to practice medicine under Chapter 155,
1-35 Occupations Code, shall submit to the Texas Medical Board telephone
1-36 numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail addresses, if available and as
1-37 appropriate, that the board may use to contact the license holder in
1-38 an emergency.

1-39 (b) The information provided by a license holder under this
1-40 section is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under
1-41 Chapter 552, Government Code. The Texas Medical Board may not
1-42 disclose information provided by a license holder under this
1-43 section to any person and may use the information only to contact a
1-44 license holder in an emergency.

1-45 (c) This section expires September 1, 2008.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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