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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to adverse licensing, listing, or registration decisions  
by certain health and human services agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by  
adding Subchapter R to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER R. ADVERSE LICENSING, LISTING, OR REGISTRATION

DECISIONS

Sec. 531.701. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies only  
to the licensing, listing, or registration decisions of a health  
and human services agency under the law authorizing the agency to  
regulate the following:

(1) a youth camp licensed under Chapter 141, Health  
and Safety Code;

(2) a home and community support services agency  
licensed under Chapter 142, Health and Safety Code;

(3) a hospital licensed under Chapter 241, Health and  
Safety Code;

(4) an institution licensed under Chapter 242, Health  
and Safety Code;

(5) an assisted living facility licensed under Chapter  
247, Health and Safety Code;

(6) a special care facility licensed under Chapter  
248, Health and Safety Code;

1           (7) an intermediate care facility licensed under  
2 Chapter 252, Health and Safety Code;

3           (8) a chemical dependency treatment facility licensed  
4 under Chapter 464, Health and Safety Code;

5           (9) a mental hospital or mental health facility  
6 licensed under Chapter 577, Health and Safety Code;

7           (10) a child-care facility or child-placing agency  
8 licensed under or a family home listed or registered under Chapter  
9 42, Human Resources Code; or

10           (11) an adult day-care facility licensed under Chapter  
11 103, Human Resources Code.

12           Sec. 531.702. RECORD OF DECISION. (a) Each health and  
13 human services agency that regulates a person described by Section  
14 531.701 shall in accordance with this section and executive  
15 commissioner rule maintain a record of:

16           (1) each application for an initial or renewal  
17 license, listing, or registration that is denied by the agency  
18 under the law authorizing the agency to regulate the person; and

19           (2) each license, listing, or registration that is  
20 revoked, suspended, or terminated by the agency under the  
21 applicable law.

22           (b) The record of an application required by Subsection  
23 (a)(1) must be maintained until the 10th anniversary of the date the  
24 application is denied. The record of the license, listing, or  
25 registration required by Subsection (a)(2) must be maintained until  
26 the 10th anniversary of the date of the revocation, suspension, or  
27 termination.

1        (c) The record required under Subsection (a) must include:

2                (1) the name and address of the applicant applying for  
3 an initial or renewal license, listing, or registration under the  
4 applicable law;

5                (2) the name and address of each person listed in the  
6 application;

7                (3) the name of each person against whom the denial,  
8 revocation, suspension, or termination is effective and of each  
9 person responsible for compliance with the agency's rules and  
10 policies for the applicant, which may include:

11                        (A) members of the board and management personnel  
12 of the applicant;

13                        (B) the owner, operator, and officers of the  
14 applicant;

15                        (C) the individuals supervising employees who  
16 have direct care or contact with individuals in the care of the  
17 applicant; and

18                        (D) any health and human services facility owned  
19 or operated by a person described by Paragraphs (A) through (C);

20                (4) the specific type of license, listing, or  
21 registration that was denied, revoked, suspended, or terminated by  
22 the agency;

23                (5) a summary of the terms of the denial, revocation,  
24 suspension, or termination; and

25                (6) the period the denial, revocation, suspension, or  
26 termination was effective.

27        (d) Each health and human services agency that regulates a

person described by Section 531.701 each month shall provide a copy of the records maintained under this section to each other health and human services agency that regulates a person described by Section 531.701.

Sec. 531.703. DENIAL OF APPLICATION BASED ON ADVERSE AGENCY DECISION. A health and human services agency that regulates a person described by Section 531.701 may deny an applicant's initial or renewal application for a license, listing, or registration included in that section if:

(1) another health and human services agency previously:

(A) revoked, suspended, or terminated the license, listing, or registration of a person who:

(i) is listed on the application or is or will be serving in a position described by Section 531.702(c)(3) for the applicant; and

(ii) is included in a record maintained under Section 531.702; or

(B) denied an initial or renewal application for a person who:

(i) is listed on the application or is or will be serving in a position described by Section 531.702(c)(3) for the applicant; and

(ii) is included in a record maintained under Section 531.702; and

(2) the agency's action under Subdivision (1) was based on:

1                   (A) an act or omission that resulted in physical  
2 or mental harm to an individual in the care of the applicant or  
3 person;

4                   (B) a threat to the health, safety, or well-being  
5 of an individual in the care of the applicant or person;

6                   (C) the physical, mental, or financial  
7 exploitation of an individual in the care of the applicant or  
8 person; or

9                   (D) a determination by the agency that the  
10 applicant or person has committed an act or omission that renders  
11 the applicant unqualified or unfit to fulfill the obligations of  
12 the license, listing, or registration.

13           Sec. 531.704. REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION. An  
14 applicant submitting an initial or renewal application for a  
15 license, listing, or registration described under Section 531.701  
16 must include with the application a written statement of:

17                   (1) the name of any person who is or will be serving in  
18 a position described by Section 531.702(c)(3) for the applicant and  
19 who is included in a record maintained by a health and human  
20 services agency under Section 531.702; and

21                   (2) any other relevant information required by  
22 executive commissioner rule.

23           SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2009, the  
24 executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission  
25 shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Subchapter R, Chapter  
26 531, Government Code, as added by this Act.

27           (b) Notwithstanding Section 531.702, Government Code, as

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1 added by this Act, a health and human services agency is not  
2 required to maintain the records as required under that section  
3 until January 1, 2010.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.