

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 292  
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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 publish, release,  
1-30 or make available information provided by a license holder under  
1-31 this section except as provided by Subsection (e).

1-32 (e) In the event of a public health emergency declared or  
1-33 invoked by the governor, the Department of State Health Services,  
1-34 or a federal agency, the board may publish, release, or make  
1-35 available information provided by a license holder under this  
1-36 section for the sole purpose of disseminating information to:

- 1-37 (1) a license holder;  
1-38 (2) a designated city, county, state, or federal  
1-39 public health or emergency management official; or  
1-40 (3) the Federation of State Medical Boards.

1-41 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2009, each person who  
1-42 holds a license to practice medicine under Chapter 155, Occupations  
1-43 Code, shall make the initial submission to the Texas Medical Board  
1-44 of the information required by Subsection (a), Section 156.006,  
1-45 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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