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H.B. No. 2515

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to patient safety plans for certain health care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. PATIENT SAFETY PLANS

Sec. 241.201. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter applies to a general or special hospital licensed under this chapter or a similar hospital that is maintained or operated by this state.

Sec. 241.202. PATIENT SAFETY PLAN. A hospital shall adopt and implement a patient safety plan based on evidence-based protocols.

Sec. 241.203. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) A hospital shall submit an annual report to the department that:

(1) identifies the protocols that are being used at the hospital in accordance with the safety plan adopted under this subchapter and describes the protocols in detail; and

(2) specifies in which hospital department each protocol is used.

(b) The report must be submitted on a form prescribed by the department. The department shall specify the reporting date.

Sec. 241.204. DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARY. The department shall

1 compile a summary of the information submitted under Section  
2 241.203. The department shall publish the summary at least  
3 annually and shall make the summary available on the department's  
4 Internet website.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 243, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
6 by adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER B. PATIENT SAFETY PLANS

8 Sec. 243.051. PATIENT SAFETY PLAN. An ambulatory surgical  
9 center shall adopt and implement a patient safety plan based on  
10 evidence-based protocols.

11 Sec. 243.052. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) An ambulatory surgical  
12 center shall submit an annual report to the department that  
13 identifies the protocols that are being used at the ambulatory  
14 surgical center in accordance with the safety plan adopted under  
15 this subchapter and describes the protocols in detail.

16 (b) The report must be submitted on a form prescribed by the  
17 department. The department shall specify the reporting date.

18 Sec. 243.053. DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARY. The department shall  
19 compile a summary of the information submitted under Section  
20 243.052. The department shall publish the summary at least  
21 annually and shall make the summary available on the department's  
22 Internet website.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.