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H.B. No. 3446

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the minimum standards for abortion facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 245.010, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) The standards adopted under Subsection (a) must contain minimum standards for the construction and design of the facility, including plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation, and other design standards necessary to ensure the health and safety of patients that are at least as stringent as the standards for an ambulatory surgical center adopted under Section 243.010(a)(1).

SECTION 2. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt the standards required by Section 245.010, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, not later than January 1, 2012.

(b) A facility licensed under Chapter 245, Health and Safety Code, is not required to comply with the standards adopted under Section 245.010, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, before September 1, 2012.

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