

AN ACT

relating to the minimum standards for the certifications of sexual assault training programs and sexual assault nurse examiners and for certification renewal by those entities.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (6), Section 420.003, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(6) "Sexual assault nurse examiner" means a registered nurse who has completed a service-approved examiner training course and who is certified according to minimum standards prescribed by attorney general rule.

SECTION 2. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 420.011, Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The attorney general shall adopt rules establishing minimum standards for the certification of a sexual assault training program and the renewal of that certification by the program. The certification is valid for two years from the date of issuance. The attorney general shall also adopt rules establishing minimum standards for the suspension, decertification, or probation of a training program that violates this chapter.

(c) The attorney general shall adopt rules establishing minimum standards for the certification of a sexual assault nurse examiner and the renewal of that certification by the nurse examiner, including standards for examiner training courses and for

1 the interstate reciprocity of sexual assault nurse examiners. The  
2 certification is valid for two years from the date of issuance. The  
3 attorney general shall also adopt rules establishing minimum  
4 standards for the suspension, decertification, or probation of a  
5 sexual assault nurse examiner who violates this chapter.

6 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2011, the attorney  
7 general shall adopt the rules required by Subsections (b) and (c),  
8 Section 420.011, Government Code, as amended by this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 533 passed the Senate on April 29, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 533 passed the House on May 13, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor