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S.B. No. 1289

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that health care practitioners wear photo identification badges.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 112, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 112. GENERAL LICENSING AND PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

APPLICABLE TO MULTIPLE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

SECTION 2. Chapter 112, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. GENERAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 112.101. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BADGE REQUIRED. (a) In this section, "health care practitioner" has the meaning assigned by Section 112.001 and includes a student, resident, or intern in a program leading to licensure as a practitioner.

(b) A health care practitioner shall wear a photo identification badge in a conspicuous manner during all patient encounters, unless precluded by adopted sterilization or isolation protocols. The badge must be of sufficient size to be visible and must clearly state:

(1) the practitioner's name;

(2) the type of license held by the practitioner, if the practitioner holds a license under this title; and

(3) the wearer's status as a student, resident, or

1 intern if the practitioner does not hold a license under this title.

2 (c) A person who violates this section shall be considered
3 to be in violation of the law regulating the health care profession
4 in which the person is engaged.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.