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H.B. No. 1782

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

7 CHAPTER 112. GENERAL LICENSING AND PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

8 APPLICABLE TO MULTIPLE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

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

11 SUBCHAPTER C. GENERAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

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

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

21 (1) the practitioner's name;

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

24 (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, 2013.