

1-1 By: Deuell, et al. S.B. No. 537  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 13, 2013; February 20, 2013,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human  
 1-4 Services; March 26, 2013, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2; March 26, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Deuell	X			
1-9 Huffman	X			
1-10 Nichols	X			
1-11 Schwertner	X			
1-12 Taylor	X			
1-13 Uresti		X		
1-14 West		X		
1-15 Zaffirini			X	

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to minimum standards for abortion facilities.  
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-21 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 245.010, Health and  
 1-22 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:  
 1-23 (a) The rules must contain minimum standards to protect the  
 1-24 health and safety of a patient of an abortion facility and must  
 1-25 contain provisions requiring compliance with the requirements of  
 1-26 Subchapter B, Chapter 171. On and after September 1, 2014, the  
 1-27 minimum standards for an abortion facility must be equivalent to  
 1-28 the minimum standards adopted under Section 243.010 for ambulatory  
 1-29 surgical centers.  
 1-30 SECTION 2. Effective September 1, 2014, Subsection (c),  
 1-31 Section 245.010, Health and Safety Code, is repealed.  
 1-32 SECTION 3. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health  
 1-33 and Human Services Commission shall adopt the standards required by  
 1-34 Section 245.010, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, not  
 1-35 later than January 1, 2014.  
 1-36 (b) A facility licensed under Chapter 245, Health and Safety  
 1-37 Code, is not required to comply with the standards adopted under  
 1-38 Section 245.010, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act,  
 1-39 before September 1, 2014.  
 1-40 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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