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S.B. No. 945

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the identification requirements of certain health care providers associated with a hospital.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.009. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION BADGE REQUIRED. (a) In this section:

(1) "Health care provider" means a person who provides health care services at a hospital as a physician, as an employee of the hospital, under a contract with the hospital, or in the course of a training or educational program at the hospital.

(2) "Hospital" means a hospital licensed under this chapter.

(b) A hospital shall adopt a policy requiring a health care provider providing direct patient care at the hospital to wear a photo identification badge during all patient encounters, unless precluded by adopted isolation or sterilization protocols. The badge must be of sufficient size and worn in a manner to be visible and must clearly state:

(1) at minimum the provider's first or last name;

(2) the department of the hospital with which the provider is associated;

(3) the provider's title, as assigned by the hospital;

1 and

2 (4) if applicable, the provider's status as a student,

3 intern, trainee, or resident.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.