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S.B. No. 945

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the identification requirements of certain health care
3 providers associated with a hospital.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (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.