

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 945, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, helped hospital patients understand the level of training for those providing direct patient care. Specifically, the bill required a health care provider in a hospital to wear a photo identification badge clearly stating the provider's name, department, and license type.

It is the intent of S.B. 1753 that patients are promptly and clearly informed of the training and qualifications of their health care provider.

S.B. 1753 makes changes to the effective date by delaying its implementation for two years. It also clarifies language to comply with Nursing Practice Act.

S.B. 1753 amends current law relating to the identification requirements of certain health care providers associated with a hospital.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 241.009, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsections (c) and (d), as follows:

(c) Requires that the identification badge of a health care provider licensed under Title 3 (Health Professions), Occupations Code, for purposes of Subsection (b)(3) (requiring a hospital to adopt a policy requiring a health care provider providing direct patient care at the hospital to wear in a visible manner a photo identification badge that clearly states the type of license held by the provider, if the provider holds a license under Title 3, Occupations Code), clearly state:

- (1) "physician," if the provider holds a license under Subtitle B (Physicians) of that title;
- (2) "chiropractor," "podiatrist," "midwife," "physician assistant," "acupuncturist," or "surgical assistant," as applicable, if the provider holds a license under Subtitle C (Other Professions Performing Medical Procedures) of that title;
- (3) "dentist" or "dental hygienist," as applicable, if the provider holds a license under Subtitle D (Dentistry) of that title;
- (4) "licensed vocational nurse," "registered nurse," "nurse practitioner," "nurse midwife," "nurse anesthetist," or "clinical nurse specialist," as applicable, if the provider holds a license under Subtitle E (Regulation of Nursing) of that title;
- (5) "optometrist" or "therapeutic optometrist," as applicable, if the provider holds a license under Subtitle F (Professions Related to Eyes and Vision) of that title;

(6) "speech-language pathologist" or "audiologist," as applicable, if the provider holds a license under Subtitle G (Professions Related to Hearing, Speech, and Dyslexia) of that title;

(7) "physical therapist," "occupational therapist," or "massage therapist," as applicable, if the provider holds a license under Subtitle H (Professions Related to Certain Types of Therapy) of that title;

(8) "medical radiologic technologist," "medical physicist," "perfusionist," "respiratory care practitioner," "orthotist," or "prosthetist," as applicable, if the provider holds a license or certificate, as appropriate, under Subtitle K (Professions Related to Use of Certain Medical Equipment) of that title; and

(9) "dietitian," if the provider holds a license under Subtitle M (Regulation of Other Health Professions) of that title.

(d) Provides that, notwithstanding Subsection (b)(3), a hospital licensed under this chapter is not required to list the type of license held by a provider on a health care provider's photo identification badge until September 1, 2019. Provides that this subsection expires September 1, 2020.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.