

1-1 By: Sheets, Turner of Tarrant, Fallon H.B. No. 1403
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Estes)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2015;
 1-4 May 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-5 Affairs; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the definition of health care liability claim for the
 1-21 purposes of certain laws governing those claims.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 74.001(a)(13), Civil Practice and
 1-24 Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-25 (13) "Health care liability claim" means a cause of
 1-26 action against a health care provider or physician for treatment,
 1-27 lack of treatment, or other claimed departure from accepted
 1-28 standards of medical care, or health care, or safety or
 1-29 professional or administrative services directly related to health
 1-30 care, which proximately results in injury to or death of a claimant,
 1-31 whether the claimant's claim or cause of action sounds in tort or
 1-32 contract. The term does not include a cause of action described by
 1-33 Section 406.033(a) or 408.001(b), Labor Code, against an employer
 1-34 by an employee or the employee's surviving spouse or heir.

1-35 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-36 to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of
 1-37 this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date
 1-38 of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the cause of action
 1-39 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
 1-40 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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