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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing awareness of the danger of leaving a child in a hot motor vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

Sec. 32.101. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS ON UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) Using existing resources, the department shall develop informational materials that describe the danger of leaving a child unattended in a closed motor vehicle during hot or sunny weather. The department shall make the materials available for download from its Internet website.

(b) A facility that provides childbirth services shall provide a copy of the informational materials described by Subsection (a) to a parent or legal guardian of each infant born in the facility.

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2015, the Department of State Health Services shall make the informational materials required by Section 32.101, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, available on its Internet website.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 32.101, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, a facility is not required to comply with that section until January 1, 2016.

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