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H.B. No. 2584

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the executive commissioner of the  
3 Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules defining  
4 certain medical conditions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 242.040, Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

8 (g) The executive commissioner by rule shall adopt a  
9 definition of "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders," and may  
10 adopt by reference a definition published in a generally accepted  
11 clinical resource for medical professionals. The executive  
12 commissioner shall modify the definition as necessary to conform to  
13 changes in medical practice.

14 SECTION 2. Section 247.029, Health and Safety Code, is  
15 amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

16 (d) The executive commissioner by rule shall adopt a  
17 definition of "Alzheimer's disease and related disorders," and may  
18 adopt by reference a definition published in a generally accepted  
19 clinical resource for medical professionals. The executive  
20 commissioner shall modify the definition as necessary to conform to  
21 changes in medical practice.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.