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H.B. No. 3446

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3446:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to signs required to be displayed at certain facilities that perform abortions.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 171, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 171.0125 to read as follows:

Sec. 171.0125. REQUIRED SIGNS AT CERTAIN FACILITIES: AVAILABLE RESOURCES. (a) An ambulatory surgical center licensed under Chapter 243 that performs more than 50 abortions in any 12-month period or an abortion facility licensed under Chapter 245 shall conspicuously display signs that satisfy the requirements of this section in each patient admission area, waiting room, restroom, and patient consulting room.

(b) The signs required by this section must contain the following information:

(1) a woman cannot be forced to have an abortion against her will, regardless of her age;

(2) if a woman is being forced to have an abortion or being abused, the state is able to help the woman; and

(3) human trafficking, including sex trafficking, is a violation of state law.

(c) The signs required by this section must also contain a phone number for the Department of Public Safety and a toll-free phone number of a nationally recognized information and referral

1 hotline for victims of human trafficking.

2 (d) The signs required by this section may not contain any
3 information other than the information described by Subsections (b)
4 and (c).

5 (e) The signs required by this section must each be at least
6 11 inches in width and 17 inches in length.

7 (f) A facility described by Subsection (a) shall post a sign
8 required by this section in English and a sign in Spanish. If the
9 facility is located in a political subdivision that is required to
10 provide election materials in a language other than English or
11 Spanish under Section 272.011, Election Code, the facility shall
12 also post a sign in that language.

13 (g) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules as
14 necessary to implement and enforce this section.

15 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2015, the executive
16 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
17 adopt the rules necessary to implement Section 171.0125, Health and
18 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

19 SECTION 3. An ambulatory surgical center or abortion
20 facility is not required to comply with Section 171.0125, Health
21 and Safety Code, as added by this Act, before January 1, 2016.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.