

AN ACT

relating to increased oversight by the Department of State Health Services of hospitals that commit certain violations.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Margaret Joy Thomas Act.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.0555 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.0555. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: POTENTIALLY PREVENTABLE ADVERSE EVENTS. (a) If the department finds that a hospital has committed a violation that resulted in a potentially preventable adverse event reportable under Chapter 98, the department shall require the hospital to develop and implement a plan for approval by the department to address the deficiencies that may have contributed to the preventable adverse event.

(b) The department may require the plan under this section to include:

- (1) staff training and education;
- (2) supervision requirements for certain staff;
- (3) increased staffing requirements;
- (4) increased reporting to the department; and
- (5) a review and amendment of hospital policies relating to patient safety.

(c) The department shall carefully and frequently monitor

1 the hospital's adherence to the plan under this section and enforce  
2 compliance.

3 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
4 potentially preventable adverse event that occurs on or after the  
5 effective date of this Act.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 373 passed the Senate on March 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 19, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 373 passed the House, with amendment, on May 13, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 81, Nays 58, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor