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S.B. No. 730

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of abortion providers and facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 245.010, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The rules must contain minimum standards to protect the health and safety of a patient of an abortion facility and must contain provisions requiring compliance with the requirements of Subchapter B, Chapter 171. ~~[On and after September 1, 2014, the minimum standards for an abortion facility must be equivalent to the minimum standards adopted under Section 243.010 for ambulatory surgical centers.]~~

(c) The standards may not be more stringent than Medicare certification standards, if any, for:

(1) qualifications for professional and nonprofessional personnel;

(2) supervision of professional and nonprofessional personnel;

(3) medical treatment and medical services provided by an abortion facility and the coordination of treatment and services, including quality assurance;

(4) sanitary and hygienic conditions within an abortion facility;

- 1           (5) the equipment essential to the health and welfare  
2 of the patients;  
3           (6) clinical records kept by an abortion facility; and  
4           (7) management, ownership, and control of the  
5 facility.

6           SECTION 2.     Section [171.0031](#), Health and Safety Code, is  
7 repealed.

8           SECTION 3.     The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
9 an abortion performed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
10 An abortion performed before the effective date of this Act is  
11 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
12 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

13          SECTION 4.     This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.