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H.B. No. 1171

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the analysis of sexual assault evidence.

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

SECTION 1. Section 420.042(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A ~~[If sufficient personnel and resources are available,~~
a] public accredited crime laboratory ~~[as soon as practicable]~~
shall complete its analysis of sexual assault evidence submitted to
the laboratory under this chapter or other law, as soon as
practicable but not later than the 60th day after the date on which
the evidence was received by the laboratory.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to sexual assault evidence received by a public accredited crime laboratory on or after the effective date of this Act. Sexual assault evidence received by a public accredited crime laboratory before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the evidence was received, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.