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S.B. No. 1573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a study to identify and address inefficiencies in state
3 health care regulations.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission
6 shall conduct a study to identify redundant, inefficient, or
7 obsolete health care regulations and shall make recommendations to
8 the legislature for revising or eliminating the regulations to
9 improve the delivery of health care in the state.

10 (b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human
11 Services Commission:

12 (1) shall hold public meetings as necessary to receive
13 testimony from stakeholders and to develop the recommendations
14 required by Subsection (a) of this section; and

15 (2) may seek assistance in evaluating testimony and
16 developing recommendations from the Department of State Health
17 Services, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, any
18 other agency that regulates health care, and any board that
19 regulates health care professionals.

20 (c) Not later than September 1, 2018, the executive
21 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
22 submit a report to the legislature containing conclusions regarding
23 the effectiveness of the state's health care regulations and
24 recommendations for revising or eliminating ineffective

1 regulations.

2 (d) This section expires January 1, 2019.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.