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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing of satellite offices of outpatient chemical dependency care facilities.

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

SECTION 1.  Title 6, Subtitle B., Chapter 464 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 464.003.  EXEMPTIONS. This subchapter does not apply to:

(1)  a facility maintained or operated by the federal government;

(2)  a facility directly operated by the state;

(3)  a facility licensed by the department under Chapter 241, 243, 248, 466, or 577;

(4)  an educational program for intoxicated drivers;

(5)  the individual office of a private, licensed health care practitioner who personally renders private individual or group services within the scope of the practitioner's license and in the practitioner's office;

(6)  an individual who personally provides counseling or support services to a person with a chemical dependency but does not offer or purport to offer a chemical dependency treatment program;

(7)  a 12-step or similar self-help chemical dependency recovery program:

(A)  that does not offer or purport to offer a chemical dependency treatment program;

(B)  that does not charge program participants; and

(C)  in which program participants may maintain anonymity; or

(8)  a juvenile justice facility or juvenile justice program, as defined by Section 261.405, Family Code.

(9)  a satellite office or location in which the person providing services is operating under the auspices of a licensed outpatient care facility and the services delivered at the satellite site fall into the scope of the licensure of the outpatient care facility.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.