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S.B. No. 559

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to patient records regarding maternal death.

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

SECTION 1. Section 34.008, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) Not later than the 30th business day after receiving a request from the department for records regarding a pregnancy-related death for a specific patient, a hospital, birthing center, or other custodian of the records shall submit the records to the department. A request made under this subsection to a hospital or birthing center must be limited to a patient's medical records.

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