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S.B. No. 2351

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to discrimination by a health care provider based on
3 immunization status.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 531.0333 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.0333. DISCRIMINATION BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER BASED
8 ON IMMUNIZATION STATUS. (a) A health care provider may not refuse
9 to provide health care services to a patient solely because a
10 patient has or has not received immunization for a particular
11 communicable disease.

12 (b) A health care provider that violates this section is not
13 eligible to receive money from the state for services provided to
14 patients, including under the medical assistance program under
15 Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, or under the child health plan
16 program under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code.

17 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
18 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
19 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
20 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
21 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
22 waiver or authorization is granted.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.