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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of home dialysis care by a dialysis technician.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 251, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 251.033 to read as follows:

Sec. 251.033.  PROVISION OF HOME DIALYSIS CARE. (a) A dialysis technician may provide home dialysis care, including hemodialysis, only if:

(1)  the care is provided under the direct supervision of a registered nurse who is employed by the same entity that employs the dialysis technician; and

(2)  the dialysis technician has:

(A)  complied with all executive commissioner rules on training and competency for dialysis technicians; and

(B)  successfully completed orientation and skills education requirements equivalent to the requirements for a registered or licensed vocational nurse who provides home dialysis care.

(b)  For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means supervision by a registered nurse who is physically present on the premises, but not necessarily present in the room where the dialysis services are provided, at which a dialysis technician provides home dialysis care and is immediately available to respond to patient needs.

SECTION 2.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 251.033, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.