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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a personal protective equipment reserve advisory committee established by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 81.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.016.  PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT RESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In this section, "division" means the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

(b)  The division shall establish the Personal Protective Equipment Reserve Advisory Committee composed of the following members appointed by the division:

(1)  one representative of an association representing different types of hospitals and health systems;

(2)  one representative of an association representing nursing facilities;

(3)  one representative of an association representing primary care clinics;

(4)  one representative of an association representing nurses;

(5)  one representative of an association representing home hospice care providers;

(6)  one representative of a statewide association representing physicians;

(7)  two representatives of labor organizations that represent essential personnel;

(8)  one representative from the personal protective equipment manufacturing industry;

(9)  one consumer representative;

(10)  one representative from an association representing counties;

(11)  one representative from the department;

(12)  one representative from the division; and

(13)  one representative from the commission.

(c)  The advisory committee shall make recommendations to the division as necessary on:

(1)  the procurements needed for a statewide personal protective equipment reserve;

(2)  the storage of the equipment in the reserve; and

(3)  the distribution of the equipment to health care workers and essential personnel.

(d)  This section expires and the advisory committee is abolished September 1, 2023.

SECTION 2.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Division of Emergency Management shall appoint members to the Personal Protective Equipment Reserve Advisory Committee established under Section 81.016, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3.  The Texas Division of Emergency Management is required to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose or if federal money is provided to this state and by law made available to the division for the purposes of this Act. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose and federal money is not available for that purpose, the division may, but is not required to, implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations that are available for that purpose.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.