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H.B. No. 2385

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to testing discharged or released inmates for communicable diseases and any life-threatening diseases or conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.0545 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.0545. INMATE TESTING FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES OR CONDITIONS. (a) In this section, "communicable disease" has the meaning assigned by Section 81.003, Health and Safety Code.

(b) Before discharging an inmate or releasing an inmate on parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon, the department shall test the inmate for communicable diseases and any life-threatening diseases or conditions.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.