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H.B. No. 3517

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the eligibility of certain physicians to provide and  
3 receive remuneration for workers' compensation health care  
4 services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 408.023(r), Labor Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (r) Notwithstanding the waiver or expiration of Subsections  
9 (a)-(g) and (i), there may be no direct or indirect provision of  
10 health care under this subtitle and rules adopted under this  
11 subtitle, and no direct or indirect receipt of remuneration under  
12 this subtitle and rules adopted under this subtitle by a doctor who:

13 (1) before September 1, 2007:

14 (A) was removed or deleted from the list of  
15 approved doctors either by action of the Texas Workers'  
16 Compensation Commission or the division or by agreement with the  
17 doctor;

18 (B) was not admitted to the list of approved  
19 doctors either by action of the Texas Workers' Compensation  
20 Commission or the division or by agreement with the doctor;

21 (C) was suspended from the list of approved  
22 doctors either by action of the Texas Workers' Compensation  
23 Commission or the division or by agreement with the doctor; or

24 (D) had the doctor's license to practice

1 suspended by the appropriate licensing agency, including a  
2 suspension that was stayed, deferred, or probated, or voluntarily  
3 relinquished the license to practice; and

4 (2) has [~~was~~] not been reinstated or restored by the  
5 Texas Workers' Compensation Commission or the division to:

6 (A) the list of approved doctors; or

7 (B) the workers' compensation system [~~before~~  
8 ~~September 1, 2007~~].

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