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H.B. No. 3998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a political subdivision's authority to deny or limit access to dying members of an individual's family.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 370, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 370.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 370.007. AUTHORITY TO DENY OR LIMIT ACCESS TO CERTAIN DYING INDIVIDUALS. A political subdivision may not adopt or enforce an order, ordinance, or other measure, including under Chapter 418, Government Code, that prohibits or limits the amount of time of an individual's access to an imminently dying member of the individual's family.

SECTION 2. 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.