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H.B. No. 4493

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the requirement that a state agency provide information
3 to another state agency on request.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 774, Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 774. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN CERTAIN [~~REGULATORY~~]
8 AGENCIES

9 SECTION 2. Section 774.001, Government Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 774.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

12 (1) "Health care provider" means a person who has been
13 issued a license by a health care regulatory agency.

14 (2) "Health care regulatory agency" means a regulatory
15 agency that:

16 (A) appoints a member of the Health Professions
17 Council; or

18 (B) is supervised by the health licensing
19 division of the Texas Department of Health.

20 (3) "License" includes a license, certificate,
21 registration, permit, or other authorization, required by law or
22 state agency rule, that a person must obtain to practice or engage
23 in a particular business or occupation.

24 (4) "Regulatory agency" means an agency, including a

1 department, commission, board, or office, that:

2 (A) is created by the constitution or by statute;

3 (B) is in the executive branch of state
4 government;

5 (C) has statewide authority; and

6 (D) has authority to deny, grant, renew, revoke,
7 or suspend a license.

8 (5) "State agency" means a department, commission,
9 board, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state
10 government, including a university system or institution of higher
11 education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

12 SECTION 3. Chapter 774, Government Code, is amended by
13 adding Section 774.004 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 774.004. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN STATE
15 AGENCIES. (a) A state agency that receives a written request for
16 information, other than information that is confidential under law,
17 from another state agency shall provide the information to the
18 requesting agency not later than the 10th day following the date the
19 request is received.

20 (b) A state agency that receives a request under this
21 section must provide the information to the requesting state agency
22 without cost.

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