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H.B. No. 4510

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to mandatory accreditation for certain chemical dependency treatment facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 464.001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (1) and adding Subdivision (2) to read as follows:

(1) "Accreditation commission" means the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Joint Commission, or another national accreditation organization recognized by the department.

(2) "Chemical dependency" means:

(A) abuse of alcohol or a controlled substance;

(B) psychological or physical dependence on alcohol or a controlled substance; or

(C) addiction to alcohol or a controlled substance.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 464, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Sections 464.0053 and 464.0054 to read as follows:

Sec. 464.0053. MANDATORY ACCREDITATION FOR CERTAIN TREATMENT FACILITIES. (a) A treatment facility that provides medical assistance under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, or through a Medicaid managed care organization under Chapter 533,

1 Government Code, to an individual, must be accredited by an  
2 accreditation commission.

3 (b) This section does not apply to an inmate substance abuse  
4 treatment program operated by or under contract with the Texas  
5 Department of Criminal Justice.

6 Sec. 464.0054. ACCREDITATION REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN  
7 TREATMENT FACILITIES. A treatment facility that is required to be  
8 licensed under this chapter must, whether applying for an initial  
9 license or the renewal of a license, submit documentation  
10 indicating that the facility is accredited.

11 SECTION 3. Section 464.0055(d), Health and Safety Code, is  
12 repealed.

13 SECTION 4. Section 464.0054, Health and Safety Code, as  
14 added by this Act, applies only to the renewal of a license to  
15 operate a chemical dependency treatment facility that expires on or  
16 after the effective date of this Act. A license that expires before  
17 that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the license  
18 expires, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.