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S.B. No. 809

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health care provider reporting of federal money received for the coronavirus disease public health emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 81A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 81A. CORONAVIRUS DISEASE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REPORTING

Sec. 81A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Coronavirus disease public health emergency" means the period:

(A) beginning on the date the public health emergency declared by the United States secretary of health and human services under Section 319, Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. Section 247d), on January 31, 2020, with respect to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) took effect; and

(B) ending on the earlier of:

(i) the date the public health emergency described by Paragraph (A) of this subdivision ends; or

(ii) January 1, 2023.

(2) "Health care provider" means a person that is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the laws of this state to provide health care services in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession.

Sec. 81A.002. HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REPORT. (a) A health

1 care provider that receives federal money for assisting health care  
2 providers during the coronavirus disease public health emergency,  
3 including money received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and  
4 Economic Security Act (15 U.S.C. Section 9001 et seq.) and the  
5 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. No. 116-260), shall  
6 report the money received to the commission on a monthly basis.

7 (b) Each quarter, the commission shall compile the  
8 information described by Subsection (a) into a written report  
9 provided to:

10 (1) the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of  
11 the house of representatives;

12 (2) the Legislative Budget Board; and

13 (3) the standing committees of the legislature with  
14 primary jurisdiction over state finance and public health.

15 Sec. 81A.003. DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY LICENSING AUTHORITY.  
16 The appropriate licensing authority may take disciplinary action  
17 against a health care provider that violates this chapter as if the  
18 provider violated an applicable licensing law.

19 Sec. 81A.004. EXPIRATION. This chapter expires September  
20 1, 2023.

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