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S.B. No. 930

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the disclosure of certain information regarding the  
3 occurrence of communicable diseases in residential facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 181, Health and Safety  
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 181.060 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 181.060. INFORMATION REGARDING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
8 IN CERTAIN FACILITIES. (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Communicable disease" has the meaning assigned by  
10 Section 81.003.

11 (2) "Facility" means:

12 (A) a nursing facility licensed under Chapter  
13 242;

14 (B) a continuing care facility licensed under  
15 Chapter 246; and

16 (C) an assisted living facility licensed under  
17 Chapter 247.

18 (3) "Resident" means an individual, including a  
19 patient, who resides in a facility.

20 (b) In this chapter, protected health information does not  
21 include information that identifies:

22 (1) the name or location of a facility in which  
23 residents have been diagnosed with a communicable disease; or

24 (2) the number of residents who have been diagnosed

1 with a communicable disease in a facility.

2 (c) Unless made confidential under other law, the  
3 information described by Subsection (b) is not confidential and is  
4 subject to disclosure under Chapter [552](#), Government Code.

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