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S.B. No. 1489

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of information regarding COVID-19 prevention and treatment to individuals receiving a COVID-19 viral test.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. COVID-19 TESTING, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT

Sec. 81.451. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "COVID-19" means the 2019 novel coronavirus disease.

(2) "Health care facility" means a hospital, freestanding emergency medical care facility, urgent care or retail clinic, outpatient clinic, birthing center, ambulatory surgical center, or other facility that is licensed to provide health care services in this state, or any facility or location providing COVID-19 testing.

Sec. 81.452. COVID-19 PREVENTION AND TREATMENT INFORMATION. The department shall post on the department's Internet website a printable brochure containing information about preventative measures and treatments for COVID-19. The brochure must include the following information:

(1) methods for improving the functioning of an individual's immune system;

1 (2) the importance of therapeutic prevention of
2 COVID-19, including the use of nutraceuticals, the use of
3 prescription medications, and the benefits and risks of receiving a
4 vaccination;

5 (3) the importance of seeking treatment for COVID-19
6 as soon as symptoms appear and a list of methods for treating
7 COVID-19 that may be effective, including available medications;
8 and

9 (4) advanced home treatments for reducing COVID-19
10 symptoms and preventing hospitalization after an individual
11 contracts COVID-19, including monoclonal antibody therapy.

12 Sec. 81.453. REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES. A
13 health care facility that provides a COVID-19 viral test to an
14 individual shall require the facility employee who performs the
15 test to, at the time the employee performs the test:

16 (1) provide a copy of the brochure described by
17 Section 81.452 to the individual receiving the test; or

18 (2) convey the information contained in the brochure
19 to the individual receiving the test verbally, in a clearly
20 audible, easily understandable, and intelligible manner.

21 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
22 of this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall develop
23 and post on the department's Internet website the brochure required
24 by Section 81.452, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.