H.B. No. 852

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 34.002(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  The review committee is a multidisciplinary advisory committee within the department and is composed of the following 23 [~~17~~] members:

(1)  21 [~~15~~] members appointed by the commissioner as follows:

(A)  four physicians specializing in obstetrics, at least one of whom is a maternal fetal medicine specialist;

(B)  one certified nurse-midwife;

(C)  one registered nurse;

(D)  one nurse specializing in labor and delivery;

(E)  one physician specializing in family practice;

(F)  one physician specializing in psychiatry;

(G)  one physician specializing in pathology;

(H)  one epidemiologist, biostatistician, or researcher of pregnancy-related deaths;

(I)  one social worker or social service provider;

(J)  two [~~one~~] community members with experience [~~advocate~~] in a relevant health care field, including a field involving the analysis of health care data, one of whom must represent an urban area of this state and one of whom must represent a rural area of this state;

(K)  one medical examiner or coroner responsible for recording deaths; [~~and~~]

(L)  one physician specializing in critical care;

(M)  one physician specializing in emergency care;

(N)  one physician specializing in cardiology;

(O)  one physician specializing in anesthesiology;

(P)  one physician specializing in oncology; and

(Q)  one representative of a managed care organization;

(2)  a representative of the department's family and community health programs; and

(3)  the state epidemiologist for the department or the epidemiologist's designee.

SECTION 2.  Section 34.003(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  Review committee members appointed by the commissioner serve staggered six-year terms, with one-third or as near as possible to one-third of the members' terms [~~of four or five members, as appropriate,~~] expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 852 was passed by the House on April 14, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 127, Nays 16, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 852 on May 24, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 134, Nays 5, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 852 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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