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S.B. No. 309

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to COVID-19 prevention and treatment information provided 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 provider" means a person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to provide COVID-19 viral 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 on preventative measures and treatments for COVID-19. The brochure must include the following information:

(1) methods to improve the functioning of an individual's immune system;

(2) the importance of therapeutic prevention of COVID-19, including:

(A) the use of nutraceuticals;

(B) the use of prescription medications; and

1           (C) the benefits and risks associated with  
2 vaccination;

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

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

9           Sec. 81.453. REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. A  
10 health care provider who performs a COVID-19 viral test on an  
11 individual shall, at the time the provider performs the test,  
12 provide a printed or electronic copy of the brochure described by  
13 Section 81.452 to the individual.

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

18           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.