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S.B. No. 514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to investigations and disciplinary action by the Texas
3 Medical Board regarding certain treatments or practices during the
4 COVID-19 pandemic.

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

6 SECTION 1. (a) This Act applies to any person engaged in a
7 profession regulated by the Texas Medical Board who was
8 investigated or subject to disciplinary action by the board for:

9 (1) prescribing or advocating for the use of
10 ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine, or budesonide in the prevention or
11 treatment of COVID-19;

12 (2) making statements regarding the efficacy of masks
13 in preventing the transmission of COVID-19; or

14 (3) failing to wear or require others to wear masks
15 intended to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in connection with
16 the person's practice, other than in areas where it was customary to
17 wear masks before the COVID-19 pandemic.

18 (b) Not later than December 1, 2023, the Texas Medical Board
19 shall, for any person described by Subsection (a) of this section:

20 (1) vacate any disciplinary action imposed;

21 (2) expunge all records of the board related to the
22 investigation and disciplinary action;

23 (3) refund all fines collected from the person; and

24 (4) reimburse the person for all legal fees incurred

1 as a result of the investigation or disciplinary action.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.