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COMMENTS FOR HB 1998 by Johnson, Julie

Sherri Koning, Occupational therapist registered, retired
Sherri Koning
Stephenville, TX

A doctor or a nurse should never be disciplined for practicing medicine under the Hippocratic oath especially during a pandemic when they are successfully helping people safe and effective means. It is OK for a board to question can, It is OK for a board to question Techniques, but if the doctor or nurse can provide evidence from themselves and their patients and their treatments, remunerations to them should be made with public apologies. These procedures also need to be done in a timely manner so as not to put the livelihood in the health of the doctor/nurses patient at risk for current or future treatments. Our medical system is broken monopolized by big Pharma. We have to make a paradigm shift. Many of the front line doctors that have been attacked and that have cured and continue to cure many patients and save lives have suggestions on how to Make our medical model more cost effective for patients who have no money and others that go bankrupt to try and stay in good health. Please read and access their wisdom

Peter McCullough, Dr.
Self Physician
Dallas, TX

Texas Medical Board must issue an immediate warning to all healthcare providers licensed by TMB. COVID-19 vaccine has resulted in record injuries, disabilities, and death as reported in >1700 peer-reviewed publications. On June 11, 2022, he World Council for Health called for global removal of COVID-19 vaccines from the market for lack of safety and excess risk of death. Dr. Peter McCullough on December 7, 2022, in the US Senate also called for market removal of all COVID-19 vaccines so more lives are not damaged or lost due to vaccine injury syndromes. Please move to inform the public, cease and desist all recommendation for COVID-19 vaccination, and support removal all COVID-19 vaccines from use in Texas.

Sofia Carley, Mrs
Self
Missouri City, TX

A serial killer is one that kills more than one individual in a similar fashion. Doctors that tried to get the truth to USA citizens were censored & in many cases stripped of their website account along with threats of losing the doctors license... this is criminal & should not be tolerated.

John Mauldin
John Mauldin
PLANO, TX

Independent third-party virologists MUST be involved in the reviews of physicians and must NOT be disciplined for offering input from qualified physicians, even if the diagnosis and prognosis deviates from either the "standard of care" or any hospital management systems. Because doctors deviate from recommending covid injections, they should not be disciplined, much less having their licenses in jeopardy of loss.

Mary Bowden, MD
BreatheMD
Houston, TX

I oppose HB 1998. As a physician - a graduate of Stanford from one of the most difficult specialties to match in - I never thought I'd be under investigation by the Texas Medical Board. During the pandemic, I responded to what I was seeing. I tried to help people, and I did a great job of it, keeping over 5500 patients out of the hospital. I haven't lost a single patient to COVID who received early treatment. I started with breathing treatments, then used monoclonal antibodies, then when the government restricted distribution of monoclonal antibodies, used ivermectin. I spoke out on social media that vaccine mandates are wrong and then the first hospital in the country to mandate the vaccine suspended my privileges in a very public fashion - I found out my privileges were suspended from a reporter at the Houston Chronicle. I am now fighting for both my license and my reputation. When I look at the hospital communication surrounding my suspension, it was more about a political witch hunt than protecting the public from harm. I have harmed no one, but it's me versus a hospital with over 12 billion in assets. HB 1998 gives more power to hospitals and is a strike against the individual physician. We have a physician shortage and this bill would exacerbate that problem.

Louis Carnevale
Self and Family
Adkins, TX

I don't know too much about this proposed bill but if it provides more latitude for Doctors to treat their patients then I am all for it! Doctors during the pandemic were ostracized when trying to treat patients with other than what the NIAD prescribed as treatment protocol which led to needless deaths.

Christy Martinez
Myself
Mesquite, TX

Physician should be allowed to give adequate research data they have obtained to advocate for medical research and not be punished by the medical boards for discovery. They should never be silenced when they have proper knowledge and data to back their practice, nor should they be disciplined for practicing while helping patients, even if it is not what is recommended by regulation agencies

Susan Ruffner
Self
Aubrey, TX

Stop mandating MD to push vac. Stop penalizing MD for prescribing drugs that work. Stop giving hospitals medicare money and bonus for killing patients with remdisinvere, ventilators, etc

Kathryn Boyd

self and family - disabled and a Juice Plus representative

Pointblank, TX

Please stop attacking and stealing the licenses to practice for Doctors who are speaking out about their findings regarding the covid virus and covid vaccines. America is being lied to and hurt due to the media coverage and scare tactics used to push this "agenda". America is moving quickly away from healthcare and turning into sick care. The covid vaccine caused my friend to have heart issues. My family will not be taking this so called "vaccine"! Doctors should not be attacked for speaking truth!!

Virginia Young

self/ exercise physiologist and teacher

The Woodlands, TX

I strongly oppose HB 1998. The Texas Medical Board has been weaponized. If any legislation should be passed concerning the TMB, the longstanding abuses must be addressed. This bill adds to the dangerous problem of harassment by the TMB in an effort to control physicians. Doctors who are treating patients as the patients want to be treated are harassed through the reporting system. For example, some patients would like to use treatments that compete with the pharmaceutical industry. One physician in my area was reported for assisting patients with vaccine injury, even though he did nothing wrong. Once we became involved I learned that the list of physicians in similar situations is a long one.

The Texas Medical Board, as well as others, was used to threaten physicians into submission during COVID. Doctors have been told to report one another for not conforming to "guidelines". I have personally noticed this behavior increasing since at least 2008. I am thankful many did not listen or the attack would have had a far deadlier outcome.

Any legislation giving more power to the Texas Medical Board must be stopped.

JEROME YOUNG, DR
SELF
THE WOODLANDS, TX

I OPPOSE THE BILL.

TWO MAIN ISSUES:

"medical peer review committee or health care entity shall report in writing to the National Practitioner Data Bank the results and circumstances of a medical peer review that adversely affects the clinical privileges of a physician for not more than 30 days"

There is a well know case before the medical board in the past, where a physician had an incident reported to the NPDB, that turned out to be the result of a sham peer review that was retaliatory in nature. The report was overturned by TSBME and proven false. However, the physician and to sue to get the inaccurate information off the NPDB

"The board shall refuse to issue a license under this subtitle if the applicant held a license to practice medicine in another state that has been revoked by the licensing authority in that state.

(e)AAThe board shall revoke a license issued under this subtitle if the license holder, while holding the license under this subtitle, held a license to practice medicine in another state that has been revoked by the licensing authority in that state"

This allows TSBME to unilaterally deny an application for Medical license WITHOUT a hearing. Solely based on the results of another states Medical Board.

Tom Glass
Texas Constitutional Enforcement
McDade, TX

We oppose this bill because it cedes the authority of a Texas agency to the regulatory authorities of other states which may not have the same standards of Texans. We believe that Texans should run Texas. If this mandate on Texas to enforce the decisions of other states is removed, we otherwise support.
