S.B. No. 268

AN ACT

relating to the procedure for certain complaints against health care practitioners.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 112, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. COMPLAINT REFERRALS

Sec. 112.101.  COMPLAINTS AGAINST HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LICENSED BY DIFFERENT LICENSING ENTITY. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a licensing entity that receives a complaint concerning a health care practitioner who holds a license issued by a different licensing entity shall promptly forward a copy of the complaint to that licensing entity.

(b)  A licensing entity may not take disciplinary action based on a complaint against a health care practitioner who holds a license issued by a different licensing entity unless that licensing entity refers the complaint back to the licensing entity that received the complaint for investigation and resolution.

(c)  This section does not preclude a licensing entity from taking disciplinary action against a health care practitioner licensed by that entity.

Sec. 112.102.  COMPLAINTS AGAINST HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER ALLEGING CERTAIN OFFENSES. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, a licensing entity that receives a complaint concerning a health care practitioner that credibly accuses the practitioner of conduct constituting an offense that resulted in death or serious bodily injury, as those terms are defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, to a person shall promptly forward a copy of the complaint to an appropriate law enforcement agency.

(b)  This section does not preclude a licensing entity from investigating a complaint or taking disciplinary action against a health care practitioner described by Subsection (a) and licensed by that entity.

SECTION 2.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a complaint filed against a health care practitioner on or after the effective date of this Act. A complaint filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the complaint was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 268 passed the Senate on April 10, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 30, Nays 0; May 29, 2025, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 30, 2025, House granted request of the Senate; June 1, 2025, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote:  Yeas 19, Nays 12.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 268 passed the House, with amendments, on May  28, 2025, by the following vote:  Yeas 120, Nays 14, two present not voting; May 30, 2025, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; June 1, 2025, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote:  Yeas 79, Nays 46, two present not voting.

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Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_            Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_           Governor