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H.B. No. 713

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exception to certain reporting requirements for health care providers reviewing selected cases for the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 34.0085 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.0085. CASE INFORMATION EXCEPTED FROM PROFESSIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law and for purposes of this chapter, a health care provider, including a nurse, who during the review of information relevant to a case selected for review under this chapter learns of conduct related to the provider's profession that is subject to a reporting requirement is exempt from that reporting requirement for the reviewed information.

SECTION 2. 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.