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H.B. No. 1088

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the statute of limitations on a health care liability claim involving certain gender modification drugs provided to and 3 procedures performed on a minor. 4

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 74.251, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 74.251. <u>GENERAL</u> STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS <u>AND REPOSE</u> ON 8 HEALTH CARE LIABILITY CLAIMS. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, 9 except as provided by Section 74.252, and subject to Subsection 10 11 (b), no health care liability claim may be commenced unless the 12 action is filed within two years from the occurrence of the breach or tort or from the date the medical or health care treatment that 13 14 is the subject of the claim or the hospitalization for which the claim is made is completed; provided that, minors under the age of 15 16 12 years shall have until their 14th birthday in which to file, or have filed on their behalf, the claim. Except as herein provided 17 this section applies to all persons regardless of minority or other 18 legal disability. 19

Except for a health care liability claim described by 20 (b) Section 74.252, a [A] claimant must bring a health care liability 21 claim not later than 10 years after the date of the act or omission 22 23 that gives rise to the claim. This subsection is intended as a statute of repose so that all claims must be brought within 10 years 24

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1 or they are time barred.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 74, Civil Practice and 3 Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 74.252 to read as 4 follows:

<u>Sec. 74.252. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON HEALTH CARE</u>
<u>LIABILITY CLAIMS INVOLVING CERTAIN GENDER MODIFICATION DRUGS AND</u>
<u>PROCEDURES. A claimant must bring a health care liability claim not</u>
<u>later than the claimant's 25th birthday if:</u>

9 (1) the claimant is a minor at the time the cause of 10 action accrues; and

11 (2) the basis for the claim is malpractice in the 12 provision of a puberty suppression prescription drug or cross-sex 13 hormone to or the performance of surgery or another medical 14 procedure on the minor for the purpose of gender transitioning or 15 gender reassignment.

16 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to 17 a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of 18 this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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