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H.B. No. 2854

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the required approval of certain hospital visits as a
3 condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision for
4 certain releasees and to the hospital's liability for damages
5 resulting from those visits.

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

7 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Pokuaa-Flowers Act.

8 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 508, Government Code, is
9 amended by adding Section 508.193 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 508.193. REQUIRED APPROVAL OF CERTAIN HOSPITAL VISITS.

11 (a) A parole panel that requires a releasee serving a sentence for
12 an offense listed in Article 42A.054(a), Code of Criminal
13 Procedure, or for which the judgment contains an affirmative
14 finding under Article 42A.054(c) or (d), Code of Criminal
15 Procedure, to submit to electronic monitoring as a condition of
16 release on parole or to mandatory supervision shall, as an
17 additional condition of release, prohibit the releasee from
18 visiting a general hospital, as defined by Section 241.003, Health
19 and Safety Code, for a purpose other than to receive medical
20 treatment, as defined by Section 313.002, Health and Safety Code,
21 including emergency medical care, unless the parole officer
22 supervising the releasee approves the releasee's request to visit
23 the hospital prior to the visit.

24 (b) A releasee's request to visit a general hospital must

1 specify the date and time of the intended visit and the reason for
2 the visit.

3 (c) A parole officer who approves a visit under Subsection
4 (a) shall promptly notify the chief law enforcement officer for the
5 general hospital, or a local law enforcement agency if the general
6 hospital does not employ any peace officers, of the date and time of
7 the releasee's intended visit.

8 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, a general hospital is not
9 liable to a patient or another person for damages resulting from a
10 visit by a releasee described by Subsection (a).

11 SECTION 3. Section 508.193, Government Code, as added by
12 this Act, applies only to a person who is released on parole or to
13 mandatory supervision on or after the effective date of this Act. A
14 person who is released on parole or to mandatory supervision before
15 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at
16 the time of release, and the former law is continued in effect for
17 that purpose.

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