By: Perry S.B. No. 268 (Howard)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

| 2 | relating | to | the | procedure | for | certain | complaints | against | health |
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- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Chapter 112, Occupations Code, is amended by 6 adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER C. COMPLAINT REFERRALS

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

care practitioners.

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- 14 (b) A licensing entity may not take disciplinary action
- 15 based on a complaint against a health care practitioner who holds a
- 16 license <u>issued</u> by a different licensing entity unless that
- 17 licensing entity refers the complaint back to the licensing entity
- 18 that received the complaint for investigation and resolution.
- (c) This section does not preclude a licensing entity from
- 20 taking disciplinary action against a health care practitioner
- 21 <u>licensed by that entity.</u>
- 22 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
- 23 a complaint filed against a health care practitioner on or after the
- 24 effective date of this Act. A complaint filed before the effective

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- 1 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
- 2 complaint was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for
- 3 that purpose.
- 4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 8 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.