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S.B. No. 842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to immunity for ringside physicians assigned to combative
3 sports events.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2052, Occupations Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 2052.255 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 2052.255. IMMUNITY FOR RINGSIDE PHYSICIANS.

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, a ringside
9 physician is immune from civil liability arising from acts within
10 the scope of the physician's responsibilities at a combative sports
11 event.

12 (b) The immunity from civil liability provided by
13 Subsection (a) does not apply to a cause of action arising from an
14 act or omission constituting gross negligence of the physician.

15 SECTION 2. Section 2052.255, Occupations Code, as added by
16 this Act, applies only to an action commenced on or after the
17 effective date of this Act.

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