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S.B. No. 1159

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the prohibited report or disclosure of certain health
3 information by physicians and other health care providers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subtitle H, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended by adding Chapter 171A to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 171A. PROHIBITED REPORT OR DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN HEALTH
8 INFORMATION

9 Sec. 171A.001. PROHIBITED REPORT OR DISCLOSURE BY
10 PHYSICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. Notwithstanding any
11 other law, a physician or other health care provider who provides
12 health care services to a patient who experienced a miscarriage or
13 obtained an abortion or who the physician or provider suspects may
14 have experienced a miscarriage or obtained an abortion is
15 prohibited from reporting or disclosing that information to a peace
16 officer or law enforcement agency.

17 Sec. 171A.002. ENFORCEMENT. A physician's or other health
18 care provider's report or disclosure of information prohibited
19 under Section 171A.001 constitutes a violation of Chapter 181 and
20 the physician or provider is subject to enforcement actions under
21 Subchapter E of that chapter, including disciplinary action by the
22 appropriate licensing authority.

23 Sec. 171A.003. RULES. The executive commissioner may adopt
24 rules to implement this chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 171A, Health and Safety Code, as added by
2 this Act, applies only to the report or disclosure of information
3 described by that chapter that occurs on or after the effective date
4 of this Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.