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S.B. No. 1467

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to death records maintained by the vital statistics unit of the Department of State Health Services and provided to certain hospitals.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 191, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 191.012 to read as follows:

Sec. 191.012. DEATH INFORMATION PROVIDED TO CERTAIN HOSPITALS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Hospital" means a hospital licensed under Chapter 241.

(2) "Trauma facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003.

(b) The department shall implement an efficient and effective procedure to provide death information to a hospital designated as a Level I trauma facility to assist with the hospital's participation in the Medicaid managed care program operated under Chapter 540, Government Code.

(c) The procedure implemented under Subsection (b) at a minimum must provide the following information for each deceased person for whom a death certificate is filed with a local registrar in this state:

(1) the county of residence of the deceased;

(2) the date of birth of the deceased; and

1           (3) the full name of the deceased.

2           (d) Subject to available resources, the department may use  
3 the procedure implemented under Subsection (b) to provide death  
4 information to a hospital that is not designated as a Level I trauma  
5 facility.

6           SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
7 a state agency determines a waiver or authorization from a federal  
8 agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the  
9 agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
10 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
11 waiver or authorization is granted.

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