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S.B. No. 1608

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to physical examination requirements for patients
3 admitted to an inpatient mental health facility.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 575, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 575.004 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 575.004. IN-PERSON PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS.

8 The facility administrator of an inpatient mental health facility

9 shall ensure a physical examination or assessment of a patient

10 admitted to the facility that is required to be conducted on the

11 patient's admission is conducted in person.

12 SECTION 2. Section 575.004, Health and Safety Code, as
13 added by this Act, applies only to the admission of a patient to an
14 inpatient mental health facility that occurs on or after the
15 effective date of this Act. The admission of a patient to an
16 inpatient mental health facility that occurs before the effective
17 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
18 admission occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for
19 that purpose.

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