

By: Hinojosa of Nueces

S.B. No. 2509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to vicarious liability for certain medical care.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 162.0022(a), Occupations Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) A health organization certified under Section  
7 162.001(b) shall adopt, maintain, and enforce policies to ensure  
8 that a physician employed by the health organization exercises  
9 independent medical judgment when providing care to patients. A  
10 health organization that complies with this subsection is not  
11 vicariously liable for medical care provided by an employed  
12 physician if the health organization does not interfere with,  
13 control, or otherwise direct the independent medical judgment of  
14 the physician when providing medical care to patients.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.