By: Cook of Harris S.B. No. 372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain health care facilities to cooperate with officers engaged in immigration-related duties.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Title 4, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 318 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 318. COOPERATION WITH OFFICERS ENGAGED IN IMMIGRATION-RELATED DUTIES

Sec. 318.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "health facility" means:

(1) a hospital licensed under Chapter 241;

(2) a health care facility owned or operated by a hospital district; and

(3) a federally qualified health center as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(l)(2)(B).

Sec. 318.002. COOPERATION WITH OFFICER ENGAGED IN IMMIGRATION-RELATED DUTIES PROHIBITED. A health facility may not grant a federal immigration officer or peace officer engaged in immigration-related investigation or enforcement duties access to the premises of the facility without a judicial warrant.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.