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S.B. No. 373

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increased oversight by the Department of State Health Services of hospitals that commit certain violations.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.0555 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.0555. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: POTENTIALLY PREVENTABLE ADVERSE EVENTS. (a) If the department finds that a hospital has committed a violation that resulted in a potentially preventable adverse event reportable under Chapter 98, the department shall require the hospital to develop and implement a plan for approval by the department to address the deficiencies that may have contributed to the preventable adverse event.

(b) The department may require the plan under this section to include:

(1) staff training and education;  
(2) supervision requirements for certain staff;  
(3) increased staffing requirements;  
(4) increased reporting to the department; and  
(5) a review and amendment of hospital policies relating to patient safety.

(c) The department shall carefully and frequently monitor the hospital's adherence to the plan under this section and enforce compliance.

1           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a  
2 potentially preventable adverse event that occurs on or after the  
3 effective date of this Act.

4           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.