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H.B. No. 1587

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to disclosing certain information about each substance used to execute a person convicted of capital murder.

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

SECTION 1. Article 43.14, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 43.14. EXECUTION OF PERSON CONVICTED OF CAPITAL MURDER ~~[CONVICT]~~. (a) Whenever the sentence of death is pronounced against a person convicted of capital murder ~~[convict]~~, the sentence shall be executed at any time after the hour of 6 p.m. on the day set for the execution, by intravenous injection of a substance or substances in a lethal quantity sufficient to cause death and until the person ~~[such convict]~~ is dead, such execution procedure to be determined and supervised by the director of the correctional institutions division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), not later than the 45th day before the date an execution is scheduled to occur, the director of the correctional institutions division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall post on the department's Internet website the following information regarding each substance to be used in the execution:

(1) the name of the substance;

(2) the manufacturer of the substance;

1 (3) the expiration date of the substance;

2 (4) the results of any laboratory tests performed on
3 the substance;

4 (5) the quantity of the substance; and

5 (6) any other information in the department's
6 possession regarding the substance.

7 (c) If the information described by Subsection (b) is not
8 available for the department to post before the date required by
9 Subsection (b), the department shall make the information available
10 as soon as the substance is in the department's possession, but in
11 no event later than the 14th day before the date the execution is
12 scheduled to occur.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.