

HEALTH & SAFETY CODE

CHAPTER 91. PROSTATE CANCER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sec. 91.001. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that:

(1) prostate cancer is a major public health problem with an estimated 13,000 Texans to be diagnosed each year resulting in over 2,200 Texans dying each year;

(2) African Americans have the highest incidence of prostate cancer in the state;

(3) early detection through annual checkups and testing are critical to the preservation of life and to health care strategies for those at risk of prostate cancer; and

(4) it is in the public interest of this state to promote public awareness of the benefits and value of the early detection, prevention, and treatment of prostate cancer.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 793, Sec. 1, eff. June 16, 1995. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 990, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 91.002. PROSTATE CANCER STRATEGY. (a) In consultation with the board, the commissioner shall develop and implement a program that educates the public on the causes of prostate cancer and the factors associated with the development of prostate cancer. This program must include components designed to reach high-risk populations that reflect the nature of and trends in prostate cancer morbidity and mortality rates in high-risk groups in this state.

(b) The program shall also publicize the value and methods of early detection and prevention and identify the options available for treatment.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 793, Sec. 1, eff. June 16, 1995. Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 990, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 91.003. TASK FORCE. (a) Using existing resources in developing the program created by Section 91.002, the commissioner shall appoint a task force to make recommendations on strategies for educating the public on the health benefits of the early detection, prevention, and treatment of prostate cancer.

(b) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, per diem, or expense reimbursement for their service on the task force.

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