

CHAPTER 518

S.B. No. 270

AN ACT

relating to the form in which a person may provide a copy, summary, or narrative of a patient's medical records.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 5.08, Medical Practice Act (Article 4495b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

*(n) A person who may provide a copy of a record, or a summary or narrative of the record, to another under this section may provide the copy, summary, or narrative:*

*(1) on paper, or*

*(2) on microfilm, microfiche, computer hard disk, magnetic tape, or optical disk or by means of another appropriate medium, including a machine-readable medium, if the person who is to provide and the person who is to receive the copy, summary, or narrative agree to a form authorized by this subdivision.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 4, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 8, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.