

CHAPTER 22

S.B. No. 372

AN ACT

relating to retaining the current names of the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Board of Health.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Article 4413(504), Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 4413(504). *TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF [PUBLIC] HEALTH*

SECTION 2. Sections 1 and 2, Article 4413(504), Revised Statutes, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. DEFINITIONS. In this article:

- (1) "Board" means the *Texas* Board of [Public] Health.
- (2) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.
- (3) "Department" means the *Texas* Department of [Public] Health.
- (4) "Director" means the director of the *Texas* Department of [Public] Health.

Sec. 2. COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF DEPARTMENT. The *Texas* Department of [Public] Health is composed of the board, the director, and administrative staff, and other officers and employees necessary to efficiently carry out the purposes of this article. The department is the state agency with primary responsibility for providing health services, including:

- (1) disease prevention;
- (2) health promotion;
- (3) indigent health care;
- (4) certain acute care services; and
- (5) other health-related services as provided by law.

SECTION 3. Subdivision (3), Section 2, Texas Nursing Home Administrators Licensure Act (Article 4442d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(3) "nursing home" means any institution or facility [~~now or hereafter~~] licensed as a "nursing home" or "custodial care home" [by the Texas State Department of Public Health] under the provisions of Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code;

SECTION 4. Subsection (c), Section 3, Chapter 65, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1929 (Article 8407a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(c) The board shall issue a barber shop permit to an applicant who holds a valid class A barber license and whose shop meets the minimum health standards for barber shops as promulgated by the *Texas* [State] Department of [Public] Health and all rules and regulations of the board.

SECTION 5. Any transfer to the Department of Public Health provided by Chapter 15, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1991, means a transfer to the entity created by Article 4413(504), Revised Statutes, and renamed the Texas Department of Health by this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 7. 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.

Passed the Senate on February 25, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on March 25, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved April 6, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.