

CHAPTER 415

S.B. No. 771

AN ACT

relating to medical records 100 years old or older.

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

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

(d) The prohibitions of this section continue to apply to confidential communications or records concerning any patient irrespective of when the patient received the services of a physician, *except for medical records 100 years old or older requested for historical research purposes.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. 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 April 6, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 21, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 6, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.