

CHAPTER 718

H.B. No. 523

AN ACT

relating to the definition of health care provider for purposes of professional liability insurance coverage.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (2), Section 2, Article 5.15-1, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Health care provider" means any person, partnership, professional association, corporation, facility, or institution licensed or chartered by the State of Texas to provide health care as a registered nurse, hospital, dentist, podiatrist, chiropractor, optometrist, pharmacist, veterinarian, not-for-profit kidney dialysis center, blood bank that is a nonprofit corporation chartered to operate a blood bank and which is accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks, or not-for-profit nursing home, or an officer, employee, or agent of any of them acting in the course and scope of his employment.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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.

Passed by the House on April 22, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.