

CHAPTER 67

H.B. No. 692

AN ACT

relating to limiting cancer reporting activities to specified geographical areas of the state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, Texas Cancer Control Act (Article 4477-40, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5. DUTIES OF THE BOARD. In order to implement this Act, the board may:

- (1) adopt rules that the board considers necessary;
- (2) execute contracts that the board considers necessary;
- (3) receive the data contained in the medical records that are in the custody or under the control of clinical laboratories, hospitals, and cancer treatment centers, of persons having cancer, precancerous disease, and tumorous disease, for the purpose of recording and analyzing that data directly related to the subject diseases;
- (4) compile and publish statistical and other studies derived from the patient data authorized by this Act to be collected, to provide in an accessible form information useful to physicians, other medical personnel, and the general public;
- (5) comply with requirements as necessary to obtain federal funds in the maximum amounts and most advantageous proportions possible; ~~and~~
- (6) receive and use gifts and donations made for the purpose of this Act; *and*
- (7) *limit cancer reporting activities to specified geographical areas of the state to ensure optimal utilization of available funds for obtaining the data.*

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 7, Texas Cancer Control Act, as amended (Article 4477-40, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) *On request of the board or its authorized representative, each* ~~Each~~ *hospital within the state with at least 100 beds shall furnish to the board or its authorized representative, on a form prescribed by the department, the data that the board determines is necessary and appropriate from each medical record in its custody or under its control of a case of cancer or of those precancerous or tumorous diseases specified by the board.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. 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 2, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on April 24, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 6, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.