

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 373
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 28, 2015; February 2, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
 1-4 Services; March 9, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 9, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to increased oversight by the Department of State Health
 1-20 Services of hospitals that commit certain violations.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 241, Health and Safety
 1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 241.0555 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 241.0555. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: POTENTIALLY
 1-25 PREVENTABLE ADVERSE EVENTS. (a) If the department finds that a
 1-26 hospital has committed a violation that resulted in a potentially
 1-27 preventable adverse event reportable under Chapter 98, the
 1-28 department shall require the hospital to develop and implement a
 1-29 plan for approval by the department to address the deficiencies
 1-30 that may have contributed to the preventable adverse event.

1-31 (b) The department may require the plan under this section
 1-32 to include:

- 1-33 (1) staff training and education;
- 1-34 (2) supervision requirements for certain staff;
- 1-35 (3) increased staffing requirements;
- 1-36 (4) increased reporting to the department; and
- 1-37 (5) a review and amendment of hospital policies
 1-38 relating to patient safety.

1-39 (c) The department shall carefully and frequently monitor
 1-40 the hospital's adherence to the plan under this section and enforce
 1-41 compliance.

1-42 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
 1-43 potentially preventable adverse event that occurs on or after the
 1-44 effective date of this Act.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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