

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 1813
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
 1-4 May 5, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 3; May 5, 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 procedures for complaints filed with the Texas Medical
 1-20 Board against physicians.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 154.053(a), Occupations Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The board shall notify by personal delivery or certified
 1-25 mail a physician who is the subject of a complaint filed with the
 1-26 board that a complaint has been filed and shall provide [~~notify~~] the
 1-27 physician with a full copy [~~of the nature~~] of the complaint, without
 1-28 redaction, and a statement of the alleged violation in plain
 1-29 language [~~unless the notice would jeopardize an investigation~~].

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 154.0561, Occupations Code, is amended
 1-31 by adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

1-32 (e) The board shall deliver a copy of the preliminary and
 1-33 final reports, including any dissenting or minority report, to the
 1-34 physician who is the subject of the review.

1-35 (f) The name and medical credentials of each physician who
 1-36 files an expert report shall be provided to the physician who is the
 1-37 subject of the review.

1-38 SECTION 3. Not later than November 1, 2015, the Texas
 1-39 Medical Board shall adopt the rules required to implement the
 1-40 changes in law made by this Act.

1-41 SECTION 4. Sections 154.053 and 154.0561, Occupations Code,
 1-42 as amended by this Act, apply only to a complaint filed on or after
 1-43 November 1, 2015. A complaint filed before that date is governed by
 1-44 the law in effect on the date the complaint was filed, and the
 1-45 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-46 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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