

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a minimum data set for the collection of information on health professionals by the statewide health coordinating council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 105.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), (c-3), (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

(c) The Department of Information Resources, through TexasOnline and in consultation with the council and the Health Professions Council, shall add and label as "mandatory" the following fields on an application or renewal form for a license, certificate, or registration for a person subject to Subsection (c-2):

(1) full name and last four digits of social security number;

(2) full mailing address; and

(3) educational background and training, including basic health professions degree, school name and location of basic health professions degree, and graduation year for basic health professions degree, and, as applicable, highest professional degree obtained, related professional school name and location, and related graduation year ~~[At a minimum, the data collected by the council must include the following in regard to health~~

~~professionals.~~

~~[(1) their number and geographic distribution,~~
~~[(2) licensure or certification status,~~
~~[(3) specialty areas, if applicable, and~~
~~[(4) trends or changes in license holders according to~~
~~number or geographic distribution].~~

(c-1) The Department of Information Resources, through
TexasOnline and in consultation with the council and the Health
Professions Council, shall add the following fields on an
application or renewal form for a license, certificate, or
registration for a person subject to Subsection (c-2):

- (1) date and place of birth;
- (2) sex;
- (3) race and ethnicity;
- (4) location of high school;
- (5) mailing address of primary practice;
- (6) number of hours per week spent at primary practice
location;
- (7) description of primary practice setting;
- (8) primary practice information, including primary
specialty practice, practice location zip code, and county; and
- (9) information regarding any additional practice,
including description of practice setting, practice location zip
code, and county.

(c-2) The following health professionals are subject to
this section:

- (1) audiologists;

- (2) chiropractors;
- (3) licensed professional counselors;
- (4) licensed chemical dependency counselors;
- (5) dentists;
- (6) dental hygienists;
- (7) emergency medical services personnel;
- (8) marriage and family therapists;
- (9) medical radiologic technologists;
- (10) licensed vocational nurses;
- (11) registered nurses;
- (12) certified nurse aides;
- (13) occupational therapists;
- (14) optometrists;
- (15) pharmacists;
- (16) physical therapists;
- (17) physicians;
- (18) physician assistants;
- (19) psychologists;
- (20) social workers; and
- (21) speech-language pathologists.

(c-3) The relevant members of the Health Professions Council shall encourage each person described by Subsection (c-2) licensed, certified, or registered under that council's authority to submit application and renewal information under Subsections (c) and (c-1) through the system developed by the Department of Information Resources and TexasOnline.

(f) The relevant members of the Health Professions Council,

1 in conjunction with the Department of Information Resources, shall
2 ensure that the information collected under Subsections (c) and
3 (c-1) is transmitted to the statewide health coordinating council.
4 The council shall store the information as needed and conduct
5 related workforce studies, including a determination of the
6 geographical distribution of the reporting professionals.

7 (g) The relevant members of the Health Professions Council,
8 in conjunction with the Department of Information Resources, shall
9 ensure that the following information is submitted to the statewide
10 health coordinating council for a person subject to Subsection
11 (c-2):

12 (1) certification, registration, or license number;

13 (2) issuance date;

14 (3) method of certification, registration, or
15 licensure; and

16 (4) certification, registration, or licensure status.

17 (h) The Department of Information Resources shall work with
18 the health occupation regulatory agencies that are members of the
19 Health Professions Council to minimize the costs to Health
20 Professions Council members of obtaining the information under
21 Subsections (c) and (c-1). The Department of Information Resources
22 shall provide the Health Professions Council with the appropriate
23 federal information processing standards code based on the
24 information in Subsections (c-1)(8) and (9).

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect March 1, 2008.

S.B. No. 29

David Newkum
President of the Senate

Tom Caddick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 29 passed the Senate on April 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 24, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Patricia Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 29 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Nancy
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

15 JUN 07

Date

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Governor

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