

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.B. No. 956

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to the scope of a health care liability claim.

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

4 SECTION 1. Sections 74.001(a)(2) and (13), Civil Practice  
5 and Remedies Code, are amended to read as follows:

15 (13) "Health care liability claim" means a cause of  
16 action against a health care provider or physician for treatment,  
17 lack of treatment, or other claimed departure from accepted  
18 standards of medical care, or health care, or safety directly  
19 related to health care, or professional or administrative services  
20 directly related to health care, which proximately results in  
21 injury to or death of a claimant, whether the claimant's claim or  
22 cause of action sounds in tort or contract. The term does not  
23 include claims arising from an injury to or death of a person who is  
24 not a patient, including employment and premises liability claims.

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1 SECTION 2. The amendment to Section [74.001](#), Civil Practice  
2 and Remedies Code, by this Act is intended to clarify rather than  
3 change existing law.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.