

HB 1267 -- PATIENT DISCLOSURE OF IMMIGRATION STATUS

SPONSOR: Bush

This bill prohibits health care professionals from documenting the citizenship or immigration status of patients in their medical records, or from being required to do so, for any reason other than to determine the patient's needs and eligibility for social or community services. The bill additionally prohibits the disclosure of a patient's citizenship or immigration status to any law enforcement agency.

If a health care professional does disclose a patient's citizenship or immigration status to a law enforcement agency or officer, the relevant licensing board for the health care professional is required to discipline the health care professional as provided in the bill, depending on whether the disclosure was accidental or intentional.