



OPPOSE CSSB 207 TO PROTECT PHYSICIANS AND THE PATIENTS THEY SERVE

- Decreases Access to Medical Care for Injured Patients
- Increases the Cost and Complexity of Litigation
- Forces Physicians to Spend More Time in the Courtroom and Less Time in the Operating Room



CSSB 207 IS THE WRONG PRESCRIPTION TO CURE PERCEIVED EXCESSES IN PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION.

CSSB 207 would limit access to medical care for injured patients and bury Texas physicians in lengthy and expensive litigation. The bill would also reduce reimbursement for medical care by allowing the use of rates set by the government to limit physician compensation.

If passed, **CSSB 207** will result in physicians spending more time in the courtroom defending their practice and less time in the operating room treating patients.

This legislation introduces unnecessary new administrative burdens and complexities to a legal process that works to fairly compensate health care providers for providing medical treatment to accident victims.

CSSB 207 has serious consequences for physicians and the patients who depend on them.

Physicians for Free Market Healthcare oppose the committee substitute to CSSB 207, because it:

- Limits the ability of Texas patients to get the medical care they need following a serious accident or injury caused by someone else's negligence.
- Makes the legal process more burdensome, costly, and time-consuming for physicians and their patients.
- Undermines physician expertise, training, and education by allowing insurance companies to dispute the necessity of medical care provided to a patient without demonstrating a comparable level of skill, knowledge, or expertise on which to base the objection.
- Reduces the amount of time health care providers can spend caring for patients by requiring them to provide testimony (live at trial or through deposition) to defend the reasonableness and necessity of medical care.
- Delays medical treatment for all Texans by increasing the amount of time physicians and other health care providers have to spend defending their practice in court.
- Limits physician compensation for medical care by allowing the use of payment rates set by the government.
- Harms the independent practice of medicine by undermining the ability of physicians to negotiate fair payment for services.

PHYSICIAN TREATMENT FOR PATIENT SUFFERING MAJOR INJURIES



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE CRASHES

More than 39,000 crashes involving commercial motor vehicles occurred in Texas in 2019. This is up from 37,609 crashes in 2018 and 35,696 crashes in 2017. *Source: Texas Department of Transportation*



MOTOR VEHICLE INJURIES

Nearly 16,000 people sustained a serious injury in a motor vehicle traffic crash in 2019. This is up from about 15,000 people in 2018. *Source: Texas Department of Transportation*



FATAL WORKPLACE INJURIES

More than 600 Texans succumbed to injuries from occupational accidents in 2019. *Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics*



NONFATAL WORKPLACE INJURIES

2.1 Texas workers per 100 experienced a nonfatal workplace/occupational injury in 2019, up from 2.0 in 2018. *Source: Texas Department of Insurance*