

**LEPROSY—TERMINOLOGY AND QUARANTINE
REQUIREMENTS**

CHAPTER 149

H. B. No. 769

An Act relating to quarantine requirements and terminology for leprosy; amending Rule 3, as amended, and Rule 13, Article 4477, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and repealing Article 4439, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Article 4439, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, is repealed.¹⁵

Sec. 2. Rule 13, Article 4477, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, is amended¹⁶ to read as follows:

“Rule 13. Dangerous contagious diseases; modified quarantine. In the management and control of smallpox, scarlet fever, (scarlatina), diphtheria (membranous croup), and dengue, it is required that the house be placarded, premises placed in modified quarantine, patient in modified isolation, and complete disinfection done upon death or recovery.”

Sec. 3. Rule 3, Article 4477, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, is amended¹⁷ to read as follows:

“Rule 3. ‘Contagious diseases.’ The term ‘contagious disease’ as used in these regulations shall be held to include the following diseases, whether contagious or infectious; and as such shall be reported to all local health authorities and by said authority reported in turn to the Chairman of the State Board of Health: Asiatic cholera, bubonic plague, typhus fever, yellow fever, Hansen’s disease, smallpox, scarlet fever (scarlatina), diphtheria (membranous croup), epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, dengue, typhoid fever, epidemic dysentery, trachoma, and anthrax.”

Sec. 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on March 15, 1977: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on April 28, 1977: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 13, 1977.

Effective May 13, 1977.

15. Vernon’s Ann.Civ.St. art. 4439, repealed.

16. Vernon’s Ann.Civ.St. art. 4477, rule 13.

17. Vernon’s Ann.Civ.St. art. 4477, rule 3.