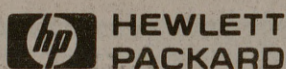


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Texas hospitals will need 20,000 more nurses in '90

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is going to need about 20,000 more nurses next year than it will have, and the sick and injured will feel the gap.

For some, it may mean health care is less available. In early August, the city of Dallas announced it was closing most of its health clinics at shelters for the homeless because of a lack of nurses.

For hospital patients, the shortage can mean seeing less of a nurse who bears a great part of the responsibility for their well-being. A registered nurse at one Austin hospital said she feels the difference between what she would like to do and what her workload will allow.

"You can give the (medical) care that's necessary, and they're not suffering in that regard," Marion Smith, who works at St. David's Hospital, said.

"I think what probably is not given as much is the small things that you want to do for the patient," the 27-year-old Smith said. "You really want to be there. You want to be able to sit down and talk to them about how their feelings are about their surgery tomorrow, and sometimes you can't do that."

On a recent day, she recalled, she was caring for five patients but spent

most of her time with the one who was the most ill and needed attention. At the end of the shift, she apologized to the patient who had received less time.

While he was understanding, said, "I don't want anybody to be like, 'Because I'm not as sick as important.' Anybody who needs care."

Michael L. Evans, vice president in charge of nursing at St. David's said he does not get many complaints, and those he receives concern the quality of care.

"It's that, 'The nurses don't have time to do such and such and it is just an illusion — the patient leaves that they had my own nurse, and I had my own nurse, and I son really had time to talk to me that they leave and they were rushed," he said.

That is not the feeling he wants to convey, he said.

"We try to create the illusion and it is just an illusion — the patient leaves that they had my own nurse, and I had my own nurse, and I son really had time to talk to me that they leave and they were rushed," he said.

Charities get tax breaks for selling publications

AUSTIN (AP) — A new state law provides sales tax exemptions to a variety of philanthropic and charitable groups, while allowing Texas to comply with a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling, says state Comptroller Bob Bullock.

"The new law serves two purposes — it gives deserving groups a tax break, and it allows us to keep our sales tax laws intact," Bullock said Wednesday.

Under the law, which went into effect Monday, charitable, philanthropic and benevolent organizations may sell publications and other writings tax-free if the groups publish and distribute the printed material themselves, Bullock said in a statement.

For example, if a local historical society sells cookbooks to raise money, no tax is due on the books,

so long as the society publishes and distributes the books, he said.

Bullock said other groups under the tax exemption include Junior League, college sororities, fraternities, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, and the PTA.

Bullock said the legislation passed after the Supreme Court ruled in February that Texas unfairly exempting religious organizations from paying sales tax on periodicals and writings, since periodicals by other types of organizations were not exempted.

The case against the state was brought by Texas Monthly magazine, which was refunded \$18 million in state sales tax after the court upheld the magazine's argument.

He said extending the exemption to other groups would have impact on state revenue.

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