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H.B. No. 56

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women following a pregnancy.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.02601 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.02601. CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY FOR PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN. A woman who is eligible for all pregnancy-related and postpartum benefits under the medical assistance program for the 60-day period following the woman's pregnancy shall remain continuously eligible for all benefits under the medical assistance program for not less than 12 months.

SECTION 2. Section 32.024(1-1), Human Resources Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall, in accordance with Section 1902(e)(16), Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(16)), seek from the appropriate federal agency an amendment to the state's Medicaid state plan to implement Section 32.02601, Human Resources Code, as added by this Act. The commission may delay implementing this Act until the state plan amendment is approved.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.