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H.B. No. 525

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to providing health care services without regard to a
3 person's immigration status.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 64, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 64.002 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 64.002. HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS. A
8 municipality, a county, or a public hospital may use money from
9 state or local sources to provide health care services and
10 assistance to a person without regard to the person's immigration
11 status.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 285, Health and Safety Code, is amended
13 by adding Subchapter M to read as follows:

14 SUBCHAPTER M. PROVISION OF SERVICES TO CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS

15 Sec. 285.201. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CERTAIN
16 IMMIGRANTS. A hospital district created under general or special
17 law may use money from state or local sources to provide medical and
18 hospital care to a person without regard to the person's
19 immigration status.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.