

1-1 By: Gallegos, Zaffirini, Shapleigh S.B. No. 309
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 28, 2003; February 5, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on International
1-4 Relations and Trade; April 15, 2003, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays
1-6 0, 1 present not voting; April 15, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 309 By: Shapleigh

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to providing health care services without regard to a
1-11 person's immigration status.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 64, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
1-14 adding Section 64.002 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 64.002. HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS.
1-16 As authorized by 8 U.S.C. Sections 1621(a) and (d), as amended, a
1-17 municipality, a county, or a public hospital may use money from
1-18 local sources to provide health care services to a person without
1-19 regard to the person's immigration status and shall establish a
1-20 cost share system for persons receiving health care services.

1-21 SECTION 2. Chapter 285, Health and Safety Code, is amended
1-22 by adding Subchapter M to read as follows:

1-23 SUBCHAPTER M. PROVISION OF SERVICES TO CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS

1-24 Sec. 285.201. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CERTAIN
1-25 IMMIGRANTS. As authorized by 8 U.S.C. Sections 1621(a) and (d), as
1-26 amended, a hospital district created under general or special law
1-27 may use money from local sources to provide medical and hospital
1-28 care to a person without regard to the person's immigration status
1-29 and shall establish a cost share system for persons receiving
1-30 health care services.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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