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H.B. No. 1384

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reimbursements to certain urban hospitals under the disproportionate share program.

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 32.02805 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.02805. REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "qualifying hospital" means a hospital eligible for medical assistance disproportionate share funds.

(b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission, in adopting rules prescribing the method and procedures for the reimbursement of a qualifying hospital under the disproportionate share program, must provide for a weight factor of 1.5 for a qualifying hospital:

(1) that is located in a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget, with a population of more than one million; and

(2) for which at least 40 percent of the hospital's gross revenue during a calendar year is attributable to patients receiving medical assistance or uncompensated care.

SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementing that provision, the

1 agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
2 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
3 waiver or authorization is granted.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.