

AN ACT

relating to the certification of certain health organizations by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.

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

SECTION 1. Section 162.001, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), and (c-3) to read as follows:

(c-1) The board shall certify a health organization to contract with or employ physicians licensed by the board if the organization:

(1) is a hospital district:

(A) recognized by a federal agency as a public entity eligible to receive a grant related to a community or federally qualified health center described by Subdivision (2); and

(B) located in a county that, according to the most recent federal decennial census, has a population of 650,000 or more and that borders the United Mexican States; and

(2) is organized and operated as:

(A) a migrant, community, or homeless health center under the authority of and in compliance with 42 U.S.C. Section 254b or 254c; or

(B) a federally qualified health center under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(1)(2)(B).

(c-2) This section applies to a hospital district described by Subsection (c-1) only in relation to the hospital district's

1 operations as a community or federally qualified health center  
2 described by Subsection (c-1)(2).

3 (c-3) This subsection, Subsection (c-1), and Subsection  
4 (c-2) expire September 1, 2007.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1924 was passed by the House on April 6, 2005, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1924 on May 18, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1924 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 16, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor