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H.B. No. 2968

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to reimbursement for medications administered to Medicaid  
3 recipients receiving emergency medical services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended  
6 by adding Subsection (bb) to read as follows:

7 (bb) The department shall ensure that emergency medical  
8 services personnel are reimbursed for the cost of a prescription  
9 drug administered to a recipient of medical assistance under this  
10 chapter who is receiving emergency medical services. In this  
11 subsection, "emergency medical services" and "emergency medical  
12 services personnel" have the meanings assigned by Section 773.003,  
13 Health and Safety Code.

14 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
15 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
16 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
17 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
18 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
19 waiver or authorization is granted.

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