Amend **SB 1107** (House Committee Printing) by striking SECTION 4 of the bill (page 3, lines 9-21) and substituting the following:

SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 281, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 281.0281 to read as follows:

Sec. 281.0281. EMPLOYMENT OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. (a) This section applies only to a district created in a county with a population of more than 800,000 that was not included in the boundaries of a hospital district before September 1, 2003.

(b) The board, as it considers necessary for the efficient operation of the district, may employ:

(1) physicians as provided in this section and Sections 162.001(c-4) and (c-5), Occupations Code; and

(2) dentists or other health care providers.

(c) The board may employ a licensed physician as a medical director if the physician:

(1) provides only policy, administrative, and managerial services; and

(2) does not provide direct patient care or otherwise practice medicine, as defined by Section 151.002, Occupations Code, at or for the district.

(d) This section does not authorize the board to supervise or control the practice of medicine or permit the unauthorized practice of medicine, as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code.