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H.B. No. 1633

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the determination of eligibility for Medicaid for
3 certain persons in the armed forces and their family members.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 32.026, Human Resources Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

7 (d-1) In adopting rules under this section, the executive
8 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall, to
9 the extent allowed by federal law, develop and implement an
10 expedited process for determining eligibility for and enrollment in
11 the medical assistance program for an active duty member of the
12 United States armed forces, reserves, or National Guard or of the
13 state military forces, or the spouse or dependent of that person.
14 The process developed under this subsection must allow a person who
15 presents the person's military identification and proof that the
16 person was enrolled in the Medicaid program in another state to
17 receive treatment through the medical assistance program
18 immediately.

19 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
20 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
21 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
22 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
23 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
24 waiver or authorization is granted.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.