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H.B. No. 1633

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the certification 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  
9 ensure, to the extent allowed by federal law, that documentation  
10 and verification procedures used in determining and certifying the  
11 eligibility and need for medical assistance of a person who is on  
12 active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or  
13 the state military forces, or of the spouse or dependent of that  
14 person, are expedited in the same manner as the documentation and  
15 verification procedures used to determine and certify the  
16 eligibility of a person for emergency medical assistance are  
17 expedited.

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

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