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H.B. No. 3007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the approval of relative caregivers by the Department
3 of Family and Protective Services as foster homes.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 264.7551 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 264.7551. EXPEDITED APPROVAL AS FOSTER HOME OR AGENCY
8 FOSTER HOME. (a) To facilitate the receipt of foster care payments,
9 the department shall expedite the licensing or certification of a
10 relative caregiver as a foster home or agency foster home under
11 Chapter 42, Human Resources Code.

12 (b) The licensing or certification process for a relative
13 caregiver may not be as stringent as the routine process for other
14 foster homes and agency foster homes. The department by rule may
15 provide for a waiver of licensing or certification requirements for
16 a relative caregiver.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.