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H.B. No. 3478

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the employment of physicians by certain hospitals.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 311, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. EMPLOYMENT OF PHYSICIANS BY CERTAIN HOSPITALS

Sec. 311.061. EMPLOYMENT OF PHYSICIANS. (a) A hospital may employ physicians if the hospital is:

(1) located in a county with a population of 50,000 or less;

(2) designated as a critical access hospital under the authority of and in compliance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1395i-4; or

(3) a sole community hospital, as that term is defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 1395ww(d)(5)(D)(iii).

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

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.