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H.B. No. 1279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to dedication of a portion of unclaimed lottery revenues to the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section 466.408(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a claim is not made for prize money on or before the 180th day after the date on which the winner was selected, the prize money shall be used in the following order of priority:

(1) subject to legislative appropriation, not more than \$20 million in prize money each year may be deposited to or appropriated from the ~~[Texas]~~ Department of State Health Services state-owned multicategorical teaching hospital account, which is an account in the general revenue fund;

(2) not more than \$5 million in prize money each year may be appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission and shall be used to support the provision of inpatient hospital services in hospitals located in the 15 counties that comprise the Texas-Mexico border area, with payment for those services to be not less than the amount established under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA) cost reimbursement methodology for the hospital providing the services; and

(3) all prize money subject to this section and not appropriated in accordance with ~~[from the Texas Department of~~

1 ~~Health state-owned multicategorical teaching hospital account or~~
2 ~~not appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission for~~
3 ~~the purpose specified in] Subdivision (1) or (2) shall be deposited~~
4 ~~in the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund created under~~
5 ~~Section 49-o, Article III, Texas Constitution, and may be used only~~
6 ~~as provided by that section [~~general revenue fund and may be~~~~
7 ~~appropriated for any purpose as determined by the legislature,~~
8 ~~including the provision of indigent health care services as~~
9 ~~specified in Chapter 61, Health and Safety Code].~~

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.