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H.B. No. 2708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Karnes County Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1048.061, Special District Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) The board may employ physicians or other health care providers as the board considers necessary for the efficient operation of the district.

(e) This section may not be construed as authorizing the board to supervise or control the practice of medicine, as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 1048, Special District Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding Section 1048.117 to read as follows:

Sec. 1048.117. BENEFITS FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES. (a) The district may establish a comprehensive program to provide income and medical benefits to a district employee who sustains an injury that arises out of and in the course and scope of employment.

(b) If the district adopts a comprehensive program under Subsection (a), the district is exempt from Section 504.011, Labor Code, to the extent that the section requires the district to provide workers' compensation to its employees.

SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 1048, Special District

1 Local Laws Code, as effective April 1, 2009, is amended by adding  
2 Section 1048.161 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 1048.161. GENERAL AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY; SECURITY.

4 (a) The board may borrow money at a rate not to exceed the maximum  
5 annual percentage rate allowed by law for district obligations at  
6 the time the loan is made.

7 (b) To secure a loan, the board may pledge:

8 (1) district revenue that is not pledged to pay the  
9 district's bonded indebtedness;

10 (2) a district tax to be imposed by the district in the  
11 next 12-month period following the date of the pledge that is not  
12 pledged to pay the principal of or interest on district bonds; or

13 (3) a district bond that has been authorized but not  
14 sold.

15 (c) A loan for which taxes or bonds are pledged must mature  
16 not later than the first anniversary of the date the loan is made. A  
17 loan for which district revenue is pledged must mature not later  
18 than the fifth anniversary of the date the loan is made.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.