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H.B. No. 3408

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of certain counties to provide health
3 care services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 122, Health and Safety Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 122.0075 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 122.0075. PROVISION OF SERVICES BY CERTAIN COUNTIES.

8 (a) As the county determines necessary to protect the public
9 health, safety, and welfare, a county located on the Texas-Mexico
10 border may provide health care services to a person in the county
11 regardless of the person's income. The county may provide funding
12 for the health care services from the county treasury.

13 (b) A county may establish standards and application,
14 documentation, and verification procedures for determining a
15 person's eligibility to receive health care services under this
16 section.

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, 2009.