

AN ACT

relating to the licensing of certain nurses who will practice in border counties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 301.262 to read as follows:

Sec. 301.262. SPECIAL LICENSE. (a) The board may issue a license under this section to a person licensed to practice nursing in Mexico if the person:

(1) graduated from an accredited nursing program in Mexico;

(2) provides a report acceptable to the board issued by a credentials evaluation service approved by the board;

(3) applies on a form prescribed by the board and pays the fee required by the board;

(4) has received a score of at least 475 on a Test of English as a Foreign Language examination;

(5) has received a score acceptable to the board on an English language version of the appropriate National Council Licensure Examination;

(6) is eligible for employment in the United States;
and

(7) will practice nursing in a county that borders Mexico.

1 (b) A license issued under this section is valid for one
2 year and may not be renewed. A person who holds or has held a
3 license issued under this section may apply for another type of
4 license under this chapter.

5 (c) A person who holds a license issued under this section
6 may practice nursing only as an employee of a hospital located in a
7 county that borders Mexico.

8 (d) A person who holds a license issued under this section
9 is not entitled to a multistate licensing privilege to practice
10 under the Nurse Licensure Compact under Chapter 304.

11 (e) This section expires September 1, 2013.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4353 was passed by the House on April 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 95, Nays 30, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4353 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor