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H.B. No. 4353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

(b) A license issued under this section is valid for one year and may be renewed by the board. To renew the license, the applicant must have received a score of at least 550 on a Test of English as a Foreign Language examination.

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

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