

1-1 By: Gonzales (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 4353  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2009;  
1-3 May 6, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 14, 2009, reported favorably by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 14, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the licensing of certain nurses who will practice in  
1-9 border counties.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 301.262 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 301.262. SPECIAL LICENSE. (a) The board may issue a  
1-14 license under this section to a person licensed to practice nursing  
1-15 in Mexico if the person:

1-16 (1) graduated from an accredited nursing program in  
1-17 Mexico;

1-18 (2) provides a report acceptable to the board issued  
1-19 by a credentials evaluation service approved by the board;

1-20 (3) applies on a form prescribed by the board and pays  
1-21 the fee required by the board;

1-22 (4) has received a score of at least 475 on a Test of  
1-23 English as a Foreign Language examination;

1-24 (5) has received a score acceptable to the board on an  
1-25 English language version of the appropriate National Council  
1-26 Licensure Examination;

1-27 (6) is eligible for employment in the United States;  
1-28 and

1-29 (7) will practice nursing in a county that borders  
1-30 Mexico.

1-31 (b) A license issued under this section is valid for one  
1-32 year and may not be renewed. A person who holds or has held a  
1-33 license issued under this section may apply for another type of  
1-34 license under this chapter.

1-35 (c) A person who holds a license issued under this section  
1-36 may practice nursing only as an employee of a hospital located in a  
1-37 county that borders Mexico.

1-38 (d) A person who holds a license issued under this section  
1-39 is not entitled to a multistate licensing privilege to practice  
1-40 under the Nurse Licensure Compact under Chapter 304.

1-41 (e) This section expires September 1, 2013.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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