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H.B. No. 4670

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the ability of certain hospitals to employ physicians.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 241.0051 to read as follows:

Sec. 241.0051. EMPLOYMENT OF PHYSICIANS. A hospital located in a county with a population of less than 100,000 that borders the United Mexican States may employ physicians or other health care providers as the hospital considers necessary for the efficient operation of the hospital. This section may not be construed as authorizing the hospital to supervise or control the practice of medicine, as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.