

1-1 By: Nichols S.B. No. 2389
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2009; March 31, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;
1-4 April 24, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 24, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2389 By: Nichols

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to physician staffing requirements for hospitals.
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 241, Health and Safety
1-13 Code, is amended by adding Section 241.0261 to read as follows:
1-14 Sec. 241.0261. PHYSICIAN STAFFING REQUIREMENTS.
1-15 (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the department may not require
1-16 a hospital to have more restrictive staffing requirements relating
1-17 to physicians qualified to provide emergency medical care than are
1-18 required by federal law.
1-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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