

By: Gonzales of Hidalgo

H.B. No. 394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain counties to provide health care services.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 122, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 122.0075 to read as follows:

Sec. 122.0075. PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY CERTAIN COUNTIES. (a) As the county determines necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, a county located on the Texas-Mexico border may provide health care services to a person in the county regardless of the person's income. The county may provide funding for the health care services from the county treasury.

(b) A county may establish the standards and the application, documentation, and verification procedures for determining a person's eligibility to receive health care services under this section.

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, 2011.