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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to establishing a separate provider type for prosthetic and orthotic providers under the medical assistance program. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4 5 SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (ff) to read as follows: 6 7 (ff) The department shall establish a separate provider type for prosthetic and orthotic providers for purposes of 8 9 enrollment as a provider of and reimbursement under the medical assistance program. The department may not classify prosthetic and 10 orthotic providers under the durable medical equipment provider 11 12 type. SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date 13 of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall 14 establish and implement a separate provider type for prosthetic and 15 16 orthotic providers as required by Section 32.024(ff), Human Resources Code, as added by this Act. 17

18 SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act 19 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a 20 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, 21 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or 22 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the 23 waiver or authorization is granted.

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SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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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.