

By: Nelson

S.B. No. 229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to birthing facilities required to offer newborn hearing screenings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47.001(2), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Birthing facility" means:

(A) a hospital licensed under Chapter 241 that offers obstetrical services [~~and is located in a county with a population of more than 50,000~~]; or

(B) a birthing center licensed under Chapter 244 [~~that is located in a county with a population of more than 50,000 and that has 100 or more births per year~~].

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 47.001(2), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, the change in law made by this Act applies only to a birth admission at a birthing facility on or after September 1, 2012.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.