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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to the scope of practice of advanced practice nurses at

3 certain sites serving medically underserved populations.

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

5   SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is

6 amended by adding Section 301.357 to read as follows:

7   Sec. 301.357. ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES AT CERTAIN MEDICALLY

8 UNDERSERVED SITES. (a) In this section:

9   (1) "Advanced practice nurse" has the meaning assigned

10 by Section 301.152.

11   (2) "Limited health services" means health services

12 not requiring a medical diagnosis or the prescription of

13 therapeutic or corrective measures. The term includes

14 immunizations, well child care, tuberculosis control, wellness

15 screenings, epidemiologic investigations, and routine prenatal

16 care.

17   (3) "Site serving a medically underserved population"

18 has the meaning assigned by Section 157.052.

19   (b) At a site serving a medically underserved population, an

20 advanced practice nurse may provide limited health services without

21 the delegation or supervision of a physician required by Chapter

22 157 or other law.

23   (c) To protect the public health and safety, the board shall

24 adopt rules as necessary to determine the scope of practice of an

1 advanced practice nurse under this section based on an advanced

2 practice nurse's education and experience.

3   SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2012, the Texas Board

4 of Nursing shall adopt the rules necessary to implement the changes

5 in law made by this Act. The Texas Medical Board shall cooperate

6 with the Texas Board of Nursing in the adoption of the rules to

7 eliminate, to the extent possible, conflicts between the rules

8 adopted by each board.

9   SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this

10 section, this Act takes effect January 1, 2012.

11   (b) Section 2 of this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.