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S.B. No. 1794

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the employment of physicians by hospital districts.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 285, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter P to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER P. EMPLOYMENT OF PHYSICIANS

Sec. 285.331. EMPLOYMENT OF PHYSICIANS PERMITTED. (a) A hospital district created under general or special law may employ a physician and retain all or part of the professional income generated by the physician for medical services provided at a hospital or health care facility owned or operated by the hospital district.

(b) This section may not be construed as authorizing a hospital district to supervise or control the practice of medicine, as prohibited by Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code.

Sec. 285.332. CREDENTIALING AND PRIVILEGES. A physician employed by a hospital district under Section 285.331 is subject to the same standards and procedures regarding credentialing, peer review, quality of care, and privileges as a physician not employed by the hospital district.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.