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H.B. No. 57

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a limitation on regulations to restrict abortion.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 170, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 170.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 170.004. LIMITATION ON ADDITIONAL ABORTION RESTRICTIONS. Notwithstanding any other law, a law enacted on or after June 1, 2013, that restricts access to abortion or the availability of abortion does not take effect unless, not later than September 1, 2014, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission finds, and publishes in the Texas Register, that the state has maximized funding for the Texas Women's Health Program with federal funds available through a waiver under Section 1115 of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1315).

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 on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.