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H.B. No. 2032

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the board of hospital managers of the Tarrant County Hospital District to adopt and implement a tobacco-related preventable disease policy.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 281, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 281.0287 to read as follows:

Sec. 281.0287. TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT; TOBACCO-RELATED PREVENTABLE DISEASE POLICY. (a) The board of hospital managers of the Tarrant County Hospital District shall adopt and implement a tobacco-related preventable disease policy to protect and promote the general health, well-being, and safety of the district's employees.

(b) A policy adopted under Subsection (a) must:

(1) require the district to offer voluntary tobacco cessation programs for all district employees; and

(2) designate each hospital, clinic, building, or other facility owned or operated by the district as a smoke-free environment.

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 September 1, 2013.