

By: Rodriguez of Travis

H.B. No. 2490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain providers of laboratory services for health and human services programs.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0058 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0058. DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY SERVICES. (a) Regardless of where specific laboratory services are performed, or where a laboratory is physically located, any provider of diagnostic laboratory services shall be eligible to participate in all health and human services programs as an in-state provider if the provider, or its parent, subsidiary or affiliated company or companies, individually or in the aggregate, maintain diagnostic laboratory operations and employ at least 1000 persons within Texas.

(b) This section does not impair the commission's authority to refuse enrollment of a provider on the grounds that the provider is otherwise unqualified for enrollment.

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.