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S.B. No. 807

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the authority of the Department of State Health
3 Services to admit certain nonresident tuberculosis patients to a
4 state chest hospital.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 13.046, Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

8 (c) The commissioner may admit a person to a state chest
9 hospital if:

10 (1) the person is in the custody of United States
11 Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or other appropriate federal
12 agency, pending completion of deportation or political asylum
13 proceedings or has been released from custody pending completion of
14 the proceedings; and

15 (2) the commissioner determines the person is a
16 tuberculosis patient.

17 (d) If the commissioner admits a tuberculosis patient under
18 Subsection (c), the department shall attempt to recover from the
19 appropriate federal agency the costs associated with the treatment
20 of the patient.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.