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H.B. No. 3934

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Medicaid eligibility for certain residents.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Subchapter B, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 32.0248 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.0248. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN RESIDENTS. (a) The department shall provide medical assistance in accordance with 8 U.S.C. Section 1612(b), as amended, to a person who:

(1) is a qualified alien, as defined by 8 U.S.C. Sections 1641(b) and (c), as amended;

(2) meets the eligibility requirements of the medical assistance program;

(3) entered the United States on or after August 22, 1996; and

(4) has resided in the United States for a period of five years after the date the person entered as a qualified alien.

b) If authorized by federal law, the department shall provide pregnancy-related medical assistance to the maximum extent permitted by the federal law to a person who is pregnant and is a lawfully present alien as defined by 8 C.F.R. Section 103.12, as amended, including a battered alien under 8 U.S.C. Section 1641(c), as amended, regardless of the date on which the person entered the United States. The department shall comply with any prerequisite imposed under the federal law for providing medical assistance

1 under this subsection.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.