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S.B. No. 1742

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to immigration visa waivers for physicians.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.0127, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) To the extent allowed by federal law, the department shall provide an equal opportunity to request a waiver of the foreign country residence requirement for a qualified alien physician who agrees to practice medicine in:

(1) a medically underserved area; or

(2) a health professional shortage area.

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, 2015.