H.B. No. 2004

AN ACT

relating to the dismissal of certain actions relating to Medicaid fraud.

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

SECTION 1.  The heading to Section 36.102, Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 36.102.  INITIATION OF ACTION; CONSENT REQUIRED FOR DISMISSAL.

SECTION 2.  Section 36.102(e), Human Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e)  An action under this subchapter may be dismissed [~~before the end of the period during which the petition remains under seal~~] only if the court and the attorney general consent in writing to the dismissal and state their reasons for consenting.

SECTION 3.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an action brought on or after the effective date of this Act. An action brought before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the action immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2004 was passed by the House on April 24, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 140, Nays 6, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2004 was passed by the Senate on May 8, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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                  Governor