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H.B. No. 2566

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate health
3 and safety.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 240, Local Government
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 240.910 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 240.910. REGULATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY IN CERTAIN
8 COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a county located on an
9 international border and adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico.

10 (b) The commissioners court of a county may adopt and
11 enforce orders to protect the health and safety of the public.

12 (c) An order adopted under this chapter applies only to the
13 unincorporated area of the county.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.