

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the certification of certain health organizations by
3 the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 162.001, Occupations Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), and (c-3) to read as follows:

7 (c-1) The board shall certify a health organization to
8 contract with or employ physicians licensed by the board if the
9 organization:

10 (1) is a hospital district:

11 (A) recognized by a federal agency as a public
12 entity eligible to receive a grant related to a community or
13 federally qualified health center described by Subdivision (2); and

14 (B) located in a county that, according to the
15 most recent federal decennial census, has a population of 650,000
16 or more and that borders the United Mexican States; and

17 (2) is organized and operated as:

18 (A) a migrant, community, or homeless health
19 center under the authority of and in compliance with 42 U.S.C.
20 Section 254b or 254c; or

21 (B) a federally qualified health center under 42
22 U.S.C. Section 1396d(1)(2)(B).

23 (c-2) This section applies to a hospital district described
24 by Subsection (c-1) only in relation to the hospital district's

1 operations as a community or federally qualified health center
2 described by Subsection (c-1)(2).

3 (c-3) This subsection, Subsection (c-1), and Subsection
4 (c-2) expire September 1, 2007.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Tom Caslick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1924 was passed by the House on April 6, 2005, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1924 on May 18, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1924 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 16, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4.

Latsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUNE '05

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Rick Perry
Governor

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