

AN ACT

relating to appropriating the fees relating to the office of patient protection collected by certain licensing agencies for the Health Professions Council under Chapter 305 (House Bill No. 2985), Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003.

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

SECTION 1. (a) All fees collected during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, authorized by Subchapter G, Chapter 101, Occupations Code, as added by Chapter 305, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, are appropriated to the Health Professions Council for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, for the administration of the office of patient protection under Subchapter G, Chapter 101, Occupations Code.

(b) Any increase in state employee benefit costs incurred during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2003, in connection with administering Subchapter G, Chapter 101, Occupations Code, as added by Chapter 305, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, shall be paid out of the appropriations made by Subsection (a) of this section and shall be allocated to the appropriate employee benefit appropriation items in accordance with applicable rules of the comptroller.

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

- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect January 15, 2004.

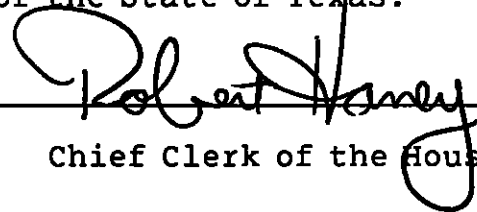


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 23 was passed by the House on September 17, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 23 was passed by the Senate on September 24, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed subject to the provisions of Article III, Section 49a, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.



Secretary of the Senate

I certify that the amounts appropriated in the herein H.B. No. 23, 3rd Called Session of the 78th Legislature, are within amounts estimated to be available in the affected fund.

Certified 10/10/2003

Carol Kester Stroger

Comptroller of Public Accounts

APPROVED: 13 OCT 03

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
4:56pm O'CLOCK

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S. S. Cannon
Secretary of State