

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the exception of certain agricultural labor from
3 unemployment compensation.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 201, Labor Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 201.078 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 201.078. SERVICE BY NONRESIDENT ALIEN AGRICULTURAL
8 WORKER. In this subtitle, "employment" does not include service
9 performed by a nonresident alien during the period that the alien is
10 temporarily in the United States under an H2-A visa if the service
11 is not defined as employment under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act
12 (26 U.S.C. Section 3306(c)(19)).

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
14 applies only to a claim for unemployment compensation benefits that
15 is filed with the Texas Workforce Commission on or after that date.
16 A claim filed before that date is governed by the law in effect on
17 the date that the claim was filed, and the former law is continued
18 in effect for that purpose.

David Swihurst

President of the Senate

John Cardillo

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1820 was passed by the House on April 3, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Honey

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1820 was passed by the Senate on May 1, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Lacey Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

15 MAY '03

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
4:45 pm O'CLOCK

Ann Shea
MAY 15 2003
Secretary of State