

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program to promote and facilitate the operation of diabetes groups.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 103, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 103.0176 to read as follows:

Sec. 103.0176. PILOT PROGRAM FOR DIABETES GROUPS. (a) The council, in consultation with the department, shall develop a pilot program to promote and facilitate the operation of diabetes groups to enable persons with diabetes to exchange information and strategies to manage the disease and to obtain relevant information and education.

(b) The council may not provide direct financial support to fund a diabetes group, but may provide meeting space in a state-owned building, if available. The department shall cooperate with the council to provide meeting space under this subsection.

(c) The council shall operate the pilot program required by this section in not more than two counties in this state selected by the council from among the counties that are located on the border of this state and the United Mexican States and that have a high proportion of low-income households.

(d) Not later than December 1, 2004, the council shall submit a report summarizing the results of the pilot program to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of

1 representatives.

2 (e) This section expires September 2, 2005.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Tom Cudde

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2692 was passed by the House on May 6, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2692 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Daisy Shaw  
Secretary of the Senate

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Date

Rick Peery

Governor

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