

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Some small municipal hospital authorities are finding it difficult to meet the growth and demands of their service delivery area. Currently a municipal hospital authority established under the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 262, Subchapter C, Section 262.0225, may borrow money from a federally insured lending institution for any of the authority's purposes, if the authority is created by a municipality with a population of less than 5,000. Therefore, by inference, those authorities that are created by a municipality with a population greater than 5,000 may not borrow money.

H.B. 2764 increases to 25,000 that population limit regarding the authority of certain municipal hospital authorities to borrow money.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 262.0225(a), Health and Safety Code, to provide that this section applies only to an authority created by a municipality with a population of less than 25,000, rather than 5,000.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.