

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 1924
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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Nonprofit health corporations in Texas must be certified by the State Board of Medical Examiners to contract with or employ physicians and Texas non-profit corporations organized and operated as federally qualified health centers are eligible for such certification. These centers provide necessary health care services in impoverished areas along the Texas-Mexico border but questions exist regarding their ability to employ physicians because of their arrangement with public entity hospitals.

C.S.H.B. 1924 clarifies the ability of a federally qualified health center administered by a public entity hospital district and located in a county that borders Mexico to employ physicians.

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 162.001(c), Occupations Code, to require the State Board of Medical Examiners (board) to certify a health organization to contract with or employ physicians licensed by the board if the organization is a hospital district recognized by a federal agency as a public entity for the purposes of receiving a grant related to a community or federally qualified health center described by this section and located in county that, according to the most recent federal decennial census, has a population of 650,000 or more and that borders the United Mexican States.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.