

CHAPTER 538

H.B. No. 1075

An Act relating to the implementation of a comprehensive language services program by the Texas Employment Commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The Texas Unemployment Compensation Act (Article 5221b-1 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) is amended by adding Section 11-C to read as follows:

Sec. 11-C. INTERPRETER SERVICES. The commission shall implement a comprehensive language services program to provide language interpreters for agency programs to those segments of the public whose primary language is Spanish. The commission may implement a comprehensive language services program to provide language interpreters for agency programs to those segments of the public whose primary language is other than Spanish or English. The program shall provide services, including translation services, to both employers and employees or prospective employees. The commission shall provide that key agency written forms and instructional information be printed in both English and Spanish. The forms shall be written in Spanish only as new or additional forms are printed or prepared.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 9, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985