

CHAPTER 504

H.B. No. 944

AN ACT

relating to a licensing exemption for certain foster care facilities providing care to children with acquired immune deficiency syndrome or other terminal illnesses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 248.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 248.003. EXEMPTIONS. This chapter does not apply to:

- (1) a home health agency required to be licensed under Chapter 142;
- (2) a person required to be licensed under Chapter 241 (Texas Hospital Licensing Law);
- (3) an institution required to be licensed under Chapter 242;
- (4) an ambulatory surgical center required to be licensed under Chapter 243 (Texas Ambulatory Surgical Center Licensing Act);
- (5) a birthing center required to be licensed under Chapter 244 (Texas Birthing Center Licensing Act);
- (6) a facility required to be licensed under Chapter 245 (Texas Abortion Facility Reporting and Licensing Act); [ø]
- (7) *a child care institution, foster group home, foster family home, and child-placing agency, for children in foster care or other residential care who are under the conservatorship of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services; or*
- (8) a person providing medical or nursing care or services under a license or permit issued under other state law.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. 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 11, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 23, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 3, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.