

CHAPTER 908

S.B. No. 702

AN ACT

relating to application of the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Act to hospital districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (l), Section 2, Texas Health Maintenance Organization Act (Article 20A.02, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code), is amended to read as follows:

(l) "Person" means any natural or artificial person, including, but not limited to, individuals, partnerships, associations, organizations, trusts, *hospital districts*, or corporations.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 281, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 281.0515 to read as follows:

*Sec. 281.0515. PROCEDURES FOR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION. A district may establish a health maintenance organization in accordance with the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Act (Chapter 20A, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code) to provide or arrange for health care services for the residents of the district.*

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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 6, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; May 25, 1993, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 1993, House granted request of the Senate; May 28, 1993, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 1993: Yeas 121, Nays 0, two present not voting; May 27, 1993, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 28, 1993, House adopted Conference Committee Report by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.