(c) A person who holds a license issued under this section may practice nursing only as an employee of a hospital located in a county that borders Mexico.

(d) A person who holds a license issued under this section is not entitled to a multistate licensing privilege to practice under the Nurse Licensure Compact under Chapter 304.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2013.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 30, 2009: Yeas 95, Nays 30, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 19, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009.

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CHAPTER 1029

H.B. No. 4358

AN ACT relating to rulemaking authority for administrative penalties assessed for violations of the Insurance Code.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 84, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 84.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 84.004. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY. (a) The commissioner may adopt and enforce reasonable rules that the commissioner determines necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

(b) The commissioner may establish by rule the amount of an administrative penalty to be imposed under Section 84.022 for a specific violation.

(c) The existence or absence of a rule adopted under this chapter does not limit the commissioner's authority to take any action authorized by law.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

Passed by the House on April 22, 2009: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2009: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 2009.


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CHAPTER 1030

H.B. No. 4359

AN ACT relating to the registration with the Texas Department of Insurance of certain contract examiners.

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

SECTION 1. Section 751.052, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 751.052. COORDINATION WITH OTHER STATES; REGISTRATION OF CONTRACT EXAMINER. (a) The commissioner shall coordinate the department's market analysis and examination efforts with other states through the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

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