

Amend **SB 1574** (senate engrossed version) as follows:

(1) Strike page 2, line 27, through page 3, line 2, and substitute the following:

(8) "Reportable disease" means a ~~[includes only a]~~ disease or condition included in the list of reportable diseases and includes a disease that is designated as reportable under Section 81.048.

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 12.0127, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) To the extent allowed by federal law, the department shall provide an equal opportunity to request a waiver of the foreign country residence requirement for an individual described by Subsection (a) who agrees to practice medicine in:

(1) an area that the department determines is affected by an ongoing exposure to a disease that is designated as reportable under Section 81.048;

(2) a medically underserved area; or

(3) a health professional shortage area.