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S.B. No. 1801

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the recognition of certain employment authorizations
3 granted by federal executive action.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 2, Labor Code, is amended by
6 adding Chapter 55 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 55. EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Sec. 55.001. CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS INVALID.

9 (a) The employment authorization of a foreign national that was
10 granted under a federal deferred action program created by
11 executive order, or an agency rule or policy, or a similar measure
12 adopted by an official or entity within the executive branch of the
13 federal government, is not valid or enforceable in this state if the
14 order, rule, policy, or measure exceeds the authority granted to
15 the executive branch by the United States Constitution and was not
16 ratified by the legislative branch of the federal government.

17 (b) An employer may not employ a person granted an
18 employment authorization described by Subsection (a) who is not
19 otherwise lawfully present in the United States.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.