By: MoodyH.B. No. 1621Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1621:C.S.H.B. No. 1621By: OrrC.S.H.B. No. 1621

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

2 relating to the continuation and operations of a health care 3 provider participation program by the El Paso County Hospital 4 District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Section 298G.004, Health and Safety Code, is
amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 298G.004. EXPIRATION. (a) Subject to Section 9 298G.153(d), the authority of the district to administer and 10 operate a program under this chapter expires December 31, <u>2027</u> 11 [<del>2023</del>].

12 (b) This chapter expires December 31, 2027 [2023].

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 298G, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 298G.154 to read as follows:

15 <u>Sec. 298G.154. INTEREST AND PENALTIES. The district may</u> 16 <u>impose and collect interest and penalties on delinquent mandatory</u> 17 <u>payments assessed under this chapter in any amount that does not</u> 18 <u>exceed the maximum amount authorized for other delinquent payments</u> 19 owed to the district.

SECTION 3. 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, 2023.

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