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S.B. No. 849

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 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.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 298G.004, Health and Safety Code, is  
7 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, 2027  
11 [~~2023~~].

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

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

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

20 SECTION 3. 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, 2023.