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S.B. No. 945

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the disclosure of certain health care cost information
3 by certain health care facilities; authorizing an administrative
4 penalty.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 327.001(7), Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (7) "Facility" means a hospital, freestanding
9 emergency medical care facility, urgent care or retail clinic,
10 outpatient clinic, birthing center, ambulatory surgical center, or
11 other facility that is licensed to provide health care services in
12 this state [~~licensed under Chapter 241~~].

13 SECTION 2. Section 327.008(a), Health and Safety Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (a) The commission may impose an administrative penalty on a
16 facility [~~in accordance with Chapter 241~~] if the facility fails to:

17 (1) respond to the commission's request to submit a
18 corrective action plan; or

19 (2) comply with the requirements of a corrective
20 action plan submitted to the commission.

21 SECTION 3. A health care facility required to disclose
22 billing information under Chapter 327, Health and Safety Code, as
23 amended by this Act, shall disclose the information in accordance
24 with that chapter not later than December 31, 2023.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.