

By: Taylor

H.B. No. 1774

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to prices charged for the provision of health care
3 services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 552.001, Insurance Code, as effective
6 April 1, 2005, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 552.001. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter does
8 not apply to the provision of a health care service [~~to a:~~

9 [~~(1) Medicaid or Medicare patient, or~~

10 [~~(2) medically indigent person who qualifies for a~~
11 ~~sliding fee scale~~].

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to charges for health care services provided on or after the
14 effective date of this Act. Charges for health care services
15 provided before the effective date of this Act are governed by the
16 law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is
17 continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.