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H.B. No. 2122

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to payment for indigent health care.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.0045(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A county, hospital district, or public hospital that receives information obtained under Subsection (a) shall use the information to determine whether the patient to whom services were provided is an eligible resident of the service area of the county, hospital district, or public hospital and, if so, shall pay the claim made by the provider in accordance with its liability for payment for the services as described by Section 61.033 or 61.060 [~~this chapter~~].

SECTION 2. 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, 2007.