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S.B. No. 1754

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to advertising by certain licensed freestanding emergency medical care facilities; providing an administrative penalty.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 254, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. NOTICE OF CHARGES

Sec. 254.251. NOTICE. A facility licensed under this chapter that charges for its services the usual and customary rate charged for the same service by a hospital emergency room in the same region of the state or located in a region of the state with comparable rates for emergency health care services shall post notice in a conspicuous place in the facility to prospective patients that the facility charges rates comparable to a hospital emergency room.

Sec. 254.252. RULES. The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules for the notice described by Section 254.251.

Sec. 254.253. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY. The commissioner of health may assess an administrative penalty under Section 254.205 against a facility that violates this subchapter.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules relating to the notice

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1 required under Subchapter F, Chapter 254, Health and Safety Code,
2 as added by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.