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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice of discount of certain charges by certain hospitals.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 311, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 311.0015 to read as follows:

Sec. 311.0015.  NOTICE OF DISCOUNTS. (a) In this section, "hospital" means a hospital owned or operated by this state or a political subdivision of this state.

(b)  A hospital that discounts a billed charge for a health care service for a patient who pays cash for the service must notify patients of that discounted price for the service, including a patient who is covered by a health benefit plan in which a third-party payor, including an insurer, pays all or part of the price of the service.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.