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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibited practices by an insurer that issues a preferred provider benefit plan regarding communication of the preferred provider status of freestanding emergency medical care facilities.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 1301, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 1301.0059 to read as follows:

Sec. 1301.0059.  COMMUNICATION OF PREFERRED PROVIDER STATUS OF FREESTANDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES. It is an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice under Chapter 541 for an insurer to prevent, by contract or otherwise, a freestanding emergency medical care facility that is a preferred provider from communicating with the public that the facility is in the insurer's preferred provider network.

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