

AN ACT

relating to the removal of signs indicating that a freestanding emergency medical care facility is operational.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 254, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 254.156 to read as follows:

Sec. 254.156. REMOVAL OF SIGNS. A facility that closes or for which a license issued under this chapter expires or is suspended or revoked shall immediately remove or cause to be removed any signs within view of the general public indicating that the facility is in operation.

SECTION 2. Sections 254.203(a) and (b), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department may petition a district court for a temporary restraining order to restrain a continuing violation of the standards or licensing requirements provided under this chapter or of Section 254.156 if the department finds that the violation creates an immediate threat to the health and safety of the patients of a facility or of the public.

(b) A district court, on petition of the department and on a finding by the court that a person is violating the standards or licensing requirements provided under this chapter or is violating Section 254.156, may by injunction:

(1) prohibit a person from continuing the [a]

1 violation [~~of the standards or licensing requirements provided~~
2 ~~under this chapter~~];

3 (2) restrain or prevent the establishment or operation
4 of a facility without a license issued under this chapter; or

5 (3) grant any other injunctive relief warranted by the
6 facts.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1112 was passed by the House on April 12, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1112 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor