

By: White

H.B. No. 1278

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1278:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to services provided by freestanding emergency medical care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 254.001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subdivisions (1) and (5) and adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1) "Acute care services" means outpatient medical services, including radiology services, laboratory services, immunization services, and other non-emergent physician services.

(1-a) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

(5) "Freestanding emergency medical care facility" means a facility, structurally separate and distinct from a hospital, that receives an individual and provides:

(A) emergency care, as defined by Subdivision (2); and

(B) acute care services, as defined by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 254, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 254.156 to read as follows:

Sec. 254.156. CERTAIN FEES PROHIBITED. A facility that provides acute care services may not charge an emergency facility fee for providing the services.

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