

By: Burrows

H.B. No. 2785

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to notice of discount of certain charges by certain
3 hospitals.

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

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

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

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

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