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H.B. No. 4036

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to billing requirements for certain health care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 324, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 324.1015 to read as follows:

Sec. 324.1015. BILLING STATEMENT; CIVIL LIABILITY. (a) A facility's billing statement to a consumer must include:

(1) an itemized list of each health care service provided to the consumer;

(2) an itemized list of each health care supply provided to the consumer; and

(3) a list of each physician or other health care practitioner licensed to provide health care in this state who provided a health care service to the consumer.

(b) A consumer is not liable to a facility for any billed charge on a billing statement that violates this section. If a facility files a civil action against a consumer for a charge described by this subsection and the consumer prevails in the action, the consumer may recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

SECTION 2. Section 324.1015, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a health care service provided on or after the effective date of this Act.

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