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H.B. No. 4137

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the required notice of a patient's right to receive an estimate of certain health care services provided by a physician.

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

SECTION 1. Section 101.352, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) A physician or physician group shall post a clear and conspicuous notice of a patient's right to receive an estimate of charges under Subsection (c):

(1) in at least one area of the physician's or group's office where patients are commonly present; and

(2) on the physician's or group's Internet website if the physician or group maintains an Internet website.

SECTION 2. (a) The Health Professions Council may prescribe the form and content required for a notice under Section 101.352(c-1), Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 101.352(c-1), Occupations Code, as added by this Act, a physician or physician group is not required to comply with that section until December 1, 2019.

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