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H.B. No. 4404

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to prohibited practices by an insurer that issues a  
3 preferred provider benefit plan regarding use of freestanding  
4 emergency medical care facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 1301, Insurance Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 1301.0059 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 1301.0059. USE OF FREESTANDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE  
9 FACILITIES. It is an unfair method of competition or an unfair or  
10 deceptive act or practice under Chapter 541 for an insurer to  
11 encourage or instruct an insured to not receive health care  
12 services from a freestanding emergency medical care facility.

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