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H.B. No. 472

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 Subdivisions (1-a) and (1-b) 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) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

(1-b) "Department" means the commission [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 254.1555 to read as follows:

Sec. 254.1555. CERTAIN FEES PROHIBITED. A facility that

1 provides acute care services may not charge an emergency facility  
2 fee for providing the services.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.