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H.B. No. 1490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice of the cash price of certain health care services by certain hospitals.

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

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

Sec. 311.0015. DISCLOSURE OF CASH PRICE. (a) In this section, "hospital" means a hospital:

(1) licensed under Chapter 241; or

(2) owned or operated by this state or an agency of this state.

(b) A hospital shall disclose the hospital's cash price for each health care service regularly provided by the hospital. The required disclosure must be made:

(1) by posting the prices on the Internet website of the hospital; or

(2) if the hospital does not have an Internet website, by providing the prices in writing on request to any person.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.