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H.B. No. 3031

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibited billing practices by certain health care providers.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 311.0025(a) and (b), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A hospital, treatment facility, mental health facility, or health care professional may not:

(1) flagrantly overcharge a patient or third party payor for a treatment provided to the patient; or

(2) submit to a patient or a third party payor a bill for a treatment that the hospital, facility, or professional knows was not provided or knows was improper, unreasonable, or medically or clinically unnecessary.

(b) If the appropriate licensing agency receives a complaint alleging a violation of Subsection (a)(2) ~~[(a)]~~, the agency may audit the billings and patient records of the hospital, treatment facility, mental health facility, or health care professional.

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