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By:  Dutton H.B. No. 955

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to affidavits concerning cost and necessity of services in civil actions.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 18.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1)  If a claimant offers into evidence a medical bill or other itemized statement of a medical or health care service and charge totaling $50,000 or less, an affidavit described by Subsection (b) is not necessary to support a finding of fact by a judge or jury that the amount charged was reasonable or that the service was necessary.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an action that commences on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.