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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.  Sections 254.001(1) and (5), Health and Safety Code, are amended 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 [~~"Department" means the 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 A, Chapter 254, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 254.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 254.002.  REFERENCE IN LAW. A reference in this chapter to "department" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

SECTION 3.  Section 254.1555, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1)  A facility that provides acute care services may not charge an emergency facility fee for providing the services.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.