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H.B. No. 955

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to affidavits concerning cost and necessity of services in
3 civil actions.

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

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

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

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

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