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H.B. No. 4273

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to transportation procedures for certain end stage renal disease facility patients during a declared disaster.

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

SECTION 1. Section 773.050, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) The executive commissioner by rule shall, in a manner consistent with Section 773.112, require each emergency medical services provider to adopt and implement a procedure for providing, during a declared disaster, an alternative mode of transportation for a dialysis patient from the patient's location directly to an outpatient end stage renal disease facility when the patient's normal mode of transportation is unavailable because of the declared disaster. Each emergency medical services provider shall promptly submit a copy of the adopted procedure to the department. For purposes of this subsection:

(1) "Disaster" has the meaning assigned by Section 418.004, Government Code. The term includes a disaster declared by:

(A) the president of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Section 5121 et seq.); and

(B) the governor under Section 418.014, Government Code.

1           (2) "End stage renal disease facility" has the meaning  
2 assigned by Section 251.001.

3           SECTION 2. Section 773.112(d), Health and Safety Code, is  
4 repealed.

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