

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and operations of a health care provider participation program by the El Paso County Hospital District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 298G.004, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 298G.004. EXPIRATION. (a) Subject to Section 298G.153(d), the authority of the district to administer and operate a program under this chapter expires December 31, 2027 [~~2023~~].

(b) This chapter expires December 31, 2027 [~~2023~~].

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 298G, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 298G.154 to read as follows:

Sec. 298G.154. INTEREST AND PENALTIES. The district may impose and collect interest and penalties on delinquent mandatory payments assessed under this chapter in any amount that does not exceed the maximum amount authorized for other delinquent payments owed to the district.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

S.B. No. 849

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 849 passed the Senate on April 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 849 passed the House on May 17, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 106, Nays 34, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor