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By:  Kolkhorst S.B. No. 331

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of health care cost information by certain health care facilities; imposing an administrative penalty.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 327.001(7), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(7)  "Facility" means a hospital, freestanding emergency medical care facility, urgent care or retail clinic, outpatient clinic, birthing center, ambulatory surgical center, or other facility that is licensed to provide health care services in this state [~~licensed under Chapter 241~~].

SECTION 2.  Section 327.008(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  The commission may impose an administrative penalty on a facility [~~in accordance with Chapter 241~~] if the facility fails to:

(1)  respond to the commission's request to submit a corrective action plan; or

(2)  comply with the requirements of a corrective action plan submitted to the commission.

SECTION 3.  A health care facility required to disclose billing information under Chapter 327, Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, shall disclose the information in accordance with that chapter not later than August 31, 2029.

SECTION 4.  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, 2025.