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H.B. No. 2478

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the reporting of certain information regarding
3 medically necessary debt on a consumer report.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 20.05, Business & Commerce Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) to read as follows:

7 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a consumer
8 reporting agency may not furnish a consumer report containing
9 information related to:

10 (1) a case under Title 11 of the United States Code or
11 under the federal Bankruptcy Act in which the date of entry of the
12 order for relief or the date of adjudication predates the consumer
13 report by more than 10 years;

14 (2) a suit or judgment in which the date of entry
15 predates the consumer report by more than seven years or the
16 governing statute of limitations, whichever is longer;

17 (3) a tax lien in which the date of payment predates
18 the consumer report by more than seven years;

19 (4) a record of arrest, indictment, or conviction of a
20 crime in which the date of disposition, release, or parole predates
21 the consumer report by more than seven years;

22 (5) a collection account with a medical industry code,
23 if the consumer was covered by a health benefit plan at the time of
24 the event giving rise to the collection and the collection is for an

1 outstanding balance, after copayments, deductibles, and
2 coinsurance, owed to an emergency care provider or a facility-based
3 provider for an out-of-network benefit claim; ~~or~~

4 (6) medically necessary debt, regardless of the date
5 on which the medical debt was incurred; or

6 (7) another item or event that predates the consumer
7 report by more than seven years.

8 (d) In this section:

9 (1) "Emergency care provider" means a physician,
10 health care practitioner, facility, or other health care provider
11 who provides emergency care.

12 (2) "Facility" has the meaning assigned by Section
13 [324.001](#), Health and Safety Code.

14 (3) "Facility-based provider" means a physician,
15 health care practitioner, or other health care provider who
16 provides health care or medical services to patients of a facility.

17 (4) "Health care practitioner" means an individual who
18 is licensed to provide health care services.

19 (5) "Medically necessary debt" means a debt or alleged
20 debt arising from the receipt of health care services provided to:

21 (A) diagnose or treat an illness, injury,
22 condition, or disease or the symptoms of an illness, injury,
23 condition, or disease that meet accepted standards of medicine; or

24 (B) prevent illness or detect illness at an early
25 stage, including preventative screening services, vaccines, and
26 tests.

27 SECTION 2. Section [20.05](#)(a), Business & Commerce Code, as

1 amended by this Act, applies only to a consumer report furnished on
2 or after the effective date of this Act. A consumer report
3 furnished before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
4 law in effect on the date the report was furnished, and the former
5 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.