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H.B. No. 2587

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an annual report on the financial impact on hospitals  
for providing certain uncompensated care.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 525, Government Code, is  
amended by adding Section 525.0304 to read as follows:

Sec. 525.0304. ANNUAL REPORT ON FINANCIAL IMPACT ON  
HOSPITALS PROVIDING UNCOMPENSATED CARE TO PERSONS NOT LAWFULLY  
PRESENT. (a) In this section:

(1) "Financial impact" means the costs incurred by a  
hospital for providing health care services to a patient for which  
the hospital does not receive payment in full for those services.

(2) "Hospital" means an establishment licensed under  
Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, that:

(A) provides acute care services; and

(B) is enrolled as a provider under Medicaid or  
the child health plan program under Chapter 62, Health and Safety  
Code.

(3) "Person not lawfully present" means a person who  
is not:

(A) a citizen or national of the United States;

or

(B) an alien who is lawfully admitted for  
permanent residence in the United States under the federal

1 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.) or  
2 authorized to be employed by that Act or the United States attorney  
3 general.

4 (b) Not later than November 1 of each year, the commission  
5 shall prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature a  
6 written report for the preceding state fiscal year on the financial  
7 impact on hospitals for providing health care services to patients  
8 who were persons not lawfully present at the time health care  
9 services were provided to those patients.

10 (c) For purposes of preparing the report required by  
11 Subsection (b), the executive commissioner by rule shall require  
12 each hospital in this state to:

13 (1) include on the hospital's patient intake form:

14 (A) a question regarding the patient's  
15 citizenship or immigration status to determine if the patient is a  
16 person not lawfully present; and

17 (B) a statement that the patient's response to  
18 that question will not affect any health care service provided to  
19 the patient, as required by federal law; and

20 (2) quarterly submit to the commission in the manner  
21 and format prescribed by the commission a written report on:

22 (A) the number of emergency room visits and  
23 inpatient discharges the hospital provided or completed during the  
24 preceding quarter for patients who were persons not lawfully  
25 present at the time the hospital provided health care services to  
26 the patients; and

27 (B) the financial impact on the hospital during

1 the preceding quarter for providing health care services to the  
2 patients who were persons not lawfully present at the time the  
3 hospital provided health care services to the patients.

4 (d) As required by federal law, a patient's response to the  
5 question described by Subsection (c)(1)(A) may not affect the  
6 health care services provided to the patient.

7 (e) The commission shall ensure the reports required under  
8 this section do not include any personal identifying information.

9 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
10 date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
11 Services Commission shall adopt the rules required by Section  
12 525.0304, Government Code, as added by this Act.

13 (b) Notwithstanding Section 525.0304, Government Code, as  
14 added by this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission is not  
15 required to submit the initial report required by that section  
16 until December 1, 2026.

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