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S.B. No. 2479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a single license for a hospital and a mobile stroke unit of the hospital.

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

SECTION 1. Section 241.023, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(c-1) The department may issue:

(1) one license for multiple hospitals if:

(A) ~~[(1)]~~ all buildings in which inpatients receive hospital services and inpatient services of each of the hospitals to be included in the license are subject to the control and direction of the same governing body;

(B) ~~[(2)]~~ all buildings in which inpatients receive hospital services are within a 30-mile radius of the main address of the applicant;

(C) ~~[(3)]~~ there is integration of the organized medical staff of each of the hospitals to be included in the license;

(D) ~~[(4)]~~ there is a single chief executive officer for all of the hospitals who reports directly to the governing body and through whom all administrative authority flows and who exercises control and surveillance over all administrative activities of the hospital;

1                    (E) [~~(5)~~] there is a single chief medical officer  
2 for all of the hospitals who reports directly to the governing body  
3 and who is responsible for all medical staff activities of the  
4 hospital;

5                    (F) [~~(6)~~] each building of a hospital to be  
6 included in the license that is geographically separate from other  
7 buildings of the same hospital contains at least one nursing unit  
8 for inpatients, unless providing only diagnostic or laboratory  
9 services, or a combination of diagnostic or laboratory services, in  
10 the building for hospital inpatients; and

11                   (G) [~~(7)~~] each hospital that is to be included in  
12 the license complies with the emergency services standards:

13                    (i) [~~(A)~~] for a general hospital, if the  
14 hospital provides surgery or obstetrical care or both; or

15                    (ii) [~~(B)~~] for a special hospital, if the  
16 hospital does not provide surgery or obstetrical care; and

17                    (2) one license for a hospital and a mobile stroke unit  
18 of the hospital if the mobile stroke unit is accredited by a health  
19 care accreditation organization approved by the Centers for  
20 Medicare and Medicaid Services.

21                    (c-2) The department may recommend a waiver of the  
22 requirement of Subsection (c-1)(1)(G) [~~(c-1)(7)~~] for a hospital if  
23 another hospital that is to be included in the license:

24                    (1) complies with the emergency services standards for  
25 a general hospital; and

26                    (2) is in close geographic proximity to the hospital.

27                    (h) Subsection (g) does not apply to a license issued to a

1 mobile stroke unit of a hospital under Subsection (c-1)(2).

2       SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
3 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
4 Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
5 Section 241.023(c-1), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this  
6 Act.

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