

CHAPTER 506

S.B. No. 806

An Act relating to financial and billing procedures of hospitals.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. APPLICATION. This Act applies to all hospitals in this state except hospitals maintained or operated by the federal government or an agency of the federal government.

SECTION 2. BILLING. (a) Not later than ten business days after the date of discharge, each hospital in this state shall have available an itemized statement of billed services for individuals who have received the services from the hospital.

(b) The availability of the statement shall be made known to each individual who receives service from the hospital before the individual is discharged from the hospital.

(c) To be entitled to receive an itemized statement, an individual must request the statement not later than one year after the date on which the individual is discharged from the hospital.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended,

and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on May 2, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 2, one present not voting.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985