

CHAPTER 1010

H.B. No. 2308

AN ACT

relating to requiring a prisoner in a county jail to reimburse that county for medical, dental, and health services paid on his behalf.

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

SECTION 1. Article 104.002, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A person who is or was a prisoner in a county jail and received medical, dental, or health related services shall be required to pay for such services when they

are rendered. If such prisoner cannot pay for such services because of indigence, as defined in the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act (Article 4438f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), said county shall assist the prisoner in applying for reimbursement through that Act or the hospital district of which he is a resident. A prisoner who does not meet the eligibility for assistance payments shall remain obligated to reimburse the county for any medical, dental, or health services provided and that county shall have authority to recover the amount expended in a civil action.

SECTION 2. 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 by the House on April 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2308 on May 26, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective June 19, 1987.