

CHAPTER 17

S.B. No. 207

AN ACT

relating to fees charged by the Texas Board of Health for hospital licenses and hospital construction plan reviews and field surveys.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 7, Texas Hospital Licensing Law, as amended (Article 4437f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(e) *The Texas Board of Health shall charge each hospital an annual license fee for an initial license or a license renewal. The board shall adopt by rule a fee schedule for the license that is based on the number of beds in the hospital. The fee adopted by the board shall not exceed \$3 per bed, but in no event shall the total fee be less than \$100 or more than \$3,000. [Each hospital licensed shall pay a license fee, both initially and annually thereafter, of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per bed, but in no event shall the total fee be less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).]*

SECTION 2. Section 7A, Texas Hospital Licensing Law (Article 4437f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7A. (a) The Texas Board of Health shall adopt a fee schedule by rule for hospital plan reviews which is based on the estimated construction costs. If an estimated construction cost cannot be established, the estimated cost shall be based on \$105 per square foot. ~~[If a hospital undertakes a series of small projects, that require approval under this section, the estimated construction cost shall be accumulated over a 12 month period from the date of submitting the plans to the Licensing Agency for review.]~~ The fee schedule adopted shall not exceed the following:

Cost of Construction	Fee
(1) \$ 600,000 or less	\$ 250
(2) \$ 600,001—\$ 2,000,000	500
(3) \$ 2,000,001—\$ 5,000,000	750
(4) \$ 5,000,001—\$10,000,000	1,000

Cost of Construction	Fee
(5) \$10,000,001—and over	1,500
[1] Less than \$150,000	\$ 50
[2] \$ 150,001—\$ 600,000	150
[3] \$ 600,001—\$ 2,000,000	350
[4] \$ 2,000,001—\$ 5,000,000	500
[5] \$ 5,000,001—\$10,000,000	750
[6] \$10,000,001—and over	1,000]

(b) The Texas Board of Health shall charge [adopt] a fee [schedule by rule] for field surveys of construction plans reviewed under this section. *The board shall adopt by rule a fee schedule for the surveys with a minimum fee of [which shall be no less than] \$100 and no more than \$400 [300] for each survey conducted.*

(c) *Fees shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund and may be appropriated to the department to administer this Act.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. 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.

Passed the Senate on February 26, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House on April 2, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved April 14, 1987.

Effective September 1, 1987.