

1-1 By: Leach (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 2929
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2019;
 1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to hospital liens.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Chapter 55, Property Code, is amended by adding
 1-22 Section 55.0015 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 55.0015. ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL. For purposes of this
 1-24 chapter, an injured individual is considered admitted to a hospital
 1-25 if the individual is allowed access to any department of the
 1-26 hospital for the provision of any treatment, care, or service to the
 1-27 individual.

1-28 SECTION 2. Sections 55.004(b) and (d), Property Code, are
 1-29 amended to read as follows:

1-30 (b) A hospital lien described by Section 55.002(a) is for
 1-31 the lesser of:

1-32 (1) the amount of the hospital's charges for services
 1-33 provided to the injured individual during the first 100 days of the
 1-34 injured individual's hospitalization; or

1-35 (2) 50 percent of all amounts recovered by the injured
 1-36 individual through a cause of action, judgment, or settlement
 1-37 described by Section 55.003(a).

1-38 (d) A hospital lien described by Section 55.002(a) does not
 1-39 cover:

1-40 (1) charges for other services that exceed a
 1-41 reasonable and regular rate for the services;

1-42 (2) charges by the physician related to any services
 1-43 provided under Subsection (c) for which the physician has accepted
 1-44 insurance benefits or payment under a private medical indemnity
 1-45 plan or program, regardless of whether the benefits or payment
 1-46 equals the full amount of the physician's charges for those
 1-47 services;

1-48 (3) charges by the physician for services provided
 1-49 under Subsection (c) if the injured individual has coverage under a
 1-50 private medical indemnity plan or program from which the physician
 1-51 is entitled to recover payment for the physician's services under
 1-52 an assignment of benefits or similar rights; ~~or~~

1-53 (4) charges by the physician related to any services
 1-54 provided under Subsection (c) if the physician is a member of the
 1-55 legislature; or

1-56 (5) charges for which recovery is barred under Section
 1-57 146.003, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

1-58 SECTION 3. The addition by this Act of Section 55.0015,
 1-59 Property Code, is intended to clarify rather than change the
 1-60 existing law.

1-61 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-4 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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