

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 660  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 19, 2024; February 3, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human  
1-4 Services; March 31, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 March 31, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Kolkhorst	X		
1-10	Perry	X		
1-11	Blanco	X		
1-12	Cook	X		
1-13	Hall	X		
1-14	Hancock	X		
1-15	Hughes	X		
1-16	Miles	X		
1-17	Sparks	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 660 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the installation of bollards or another safety barrier  
1-22 adjacent to certain hospital emergency rooms.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 311, Health  
1-25 and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-26 SUBCHAPTER B. EMERGENCY SERVICES; EMERGENCY ROOMS

1-27 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 311, Health and Safety  
1-28 Code, is amended by adding Section 311.025 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 311.025. EMERGENCY ROOM CRASH BARRIERS REQUIRED AT  
1-30 CERTAIN HOSPITALS. (a) In this section, "hospital" means a  
1-31 hospital licensed under Chapter 241, except that the term does not  
1-32 include a hospital that:

1-33 (1) is located in a county with a population of 68,750  
1-34 or less; or

1-35 (2) has been designated by the Centers for Medicare  
1-36 and Medicaid Services as a critical access hospital, rural referral  
1-37 center, or sole community hospital and:

1-38 (A) is not located in a metropolitan statistical  
1-39 area; or

1-40 (B) if the hospital has 100 or fewer beds, is  
1-41 located in a metropolitan statistical area.

1-42 (b) If a hospital maintains an emergency room located near  
1-43 an area with vehicular traffic, the hospital shall install and  
1-44 maintain crash-rated bollards or another similar safety barrier  
1-45 adjacent to the emergency room in a manner likely to prevent a motor  
1-46 vehicle from crashing into the emergency room.

1-47 (c) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human  
1-48 Services Commission shall adopt rules as necessary to implement  
1-49 this section.

1-50 SECTION 3. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
1-51 date of this Act but not later than December 1, 2025, the executive  
1-52 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
1-53 adopt rules as required by Section 311.025(c), Health and Safety  
1-54 Code, as added by this Act.

1-55 (b) A hospital to which Section 311.025, Health and Safety  
1-56 Code, as added by this Act, applies:

1-57 (1) is not required to comply with the requirements of  
1-58 that section until January 1, 2026; and

1-59 (2) is not required to reinstall or install additional  
1-60 bollards or safety barriers if the hospital has, before the

2-1 effective date of this Act, installed crash-rated bollards or  
2-2 another similar safety barrier adjacent to the hospital's emergency  
2-3 room.

2-4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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