

Chapter 427

S.B. No. 935

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to reimbursement of federal military treatment facilities  
3 under the workers' compensation system.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 413, Labor Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 413.0112 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 413.0112. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY TREATMENT  
8 FACILITY. (a) In this section, "federal military treatment  
9 facility" means a medical facility that operates as part of the  
10 Military Health System of the United States Department of Defense.

11 (b) The reimbursement rates for medical services provided  
12 to an injured employee by a federal military treatment facility  
13 must be the amount charged by the facility as determined under 32  
14 C.F.R. Part 220.

15 (c) Chapter 1305, Insurance Code, and the following  
16 sections of this code do not apply to the reimbursement of a federal  
17 military treatment facility's charges for medical services  
18 provided to an injured employee:

- 19 (1) Sections 408.027(a) and (f);
- 20 (2) Section 408.0271;
- 21 (3) Section 408.0272;
- 22 (4) Section 408.028;
- 23 (5) Section 408.0281;
- 24 (6) Section 413.011;

- 1           (7) Section 413.014;
- 2           (8) Section 413.031, as that section relates to
- 3 medical fee disputes;
- 4           (9) Section 413.041; and
- 5           (10) Section 504.053.

6           (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to  
 7 implement this section, including rules establishing:

8           (1) requirements for processing medical bills for  
 9 services provided to an injured employee by a federal military  
 10 treatment facility; and

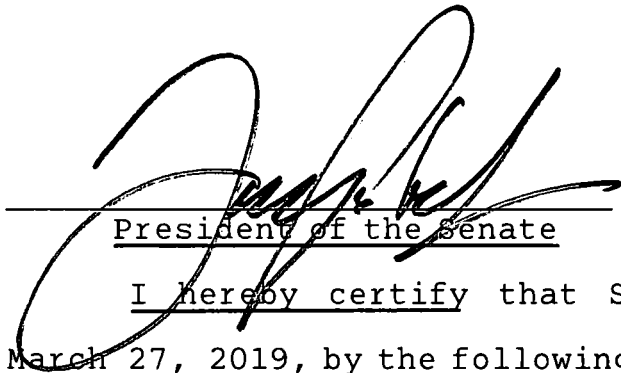
11           (2) a separate medical dispute resolution process to  
 12 resolve disputes over charges billed directly to an injured  
 13 employee by a federal military treatment facility.

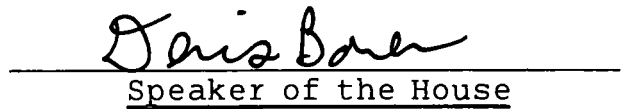
14           SECTION 2. The commissioner of workers' compensation shall  
 15 adopt rules as required by Section 413.0112, Labor Code, as added by  
 16 this Act, not later than December 1, 2019.

17           SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 18 to health care services provided on or after January 1, 2020, in  
 19 conjunction with a claim for workers' compensation benefits,  
 20 regardless of the date on which the compensable injury that is the  
 21 basis of the claim occurred.

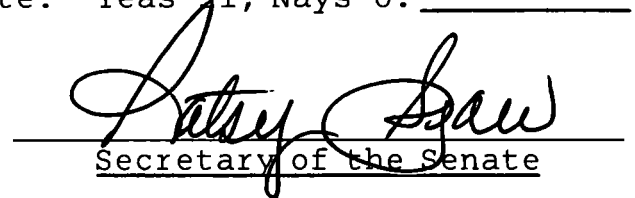
22           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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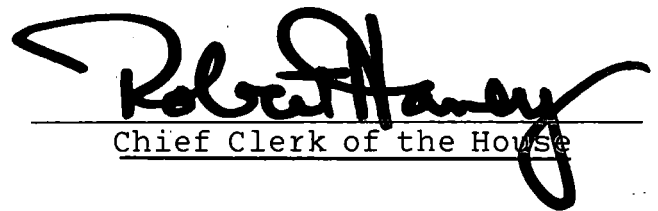
  
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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 935 passed the Senate on March 27, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 935 passed the House on May 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chief Clerk of the House

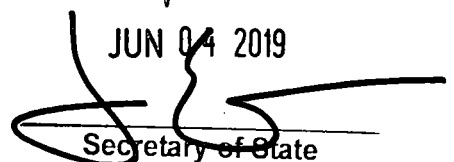
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