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Bill Analysis

SB 1748 specifies that “primarily engaged” as it applies to hospitals to include diagnostic services, therapeutic services, or rehabilitation services. The measure directs the State Department of Health to consider the actual provision of care and services to 2 or more inpatients and certain factors relating to the number of beds, an entity’s average daily census, an entity’s average length of stay, and volume of procedures when determining whether an entity is “primarily engaged.” The measure also directs the Commissioner to review current law and rules relating to the requirement of a hospital to post a notice in public spaces.

Additionally, the measure requires all emergency facilities to comply with the requirements of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, including facilities that do not participate in the federal Medicare program. All facilities must post signage informing patients of their rights. Such signage must also indicate whether a facility participates in the federal Medicare program.

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