BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 1470 requires short-term emergency and nonemergency hybrid medical facilities to operate only with proper licensure. Violators will be found guilty of a misdemeanor. The Commissioner of Health will establish classification for a 24-hour facility, set license fees, and promulgate rules to implement this act. All fees collected will be deposited into the Short-term Emergency and Nonemergency Hybrid Medical Facility Licensing Fund of the State Treasury.

A facility will provide each patient with an appropriate medical screening, examination and stabilization within the facility's capability. Prior to treatment or diagnosis, the facility will enter into a referral, transmission or admission agreement with a hospital. Insurers are prohibited from reimbursing a facility on a discounted fee basis except under the exemptions detailed in the measure.

The Department of Health will oversee facility compliance and may deny, suspend or revoke a license for a violation. The Department may petition a district court for a temporary restraining order and involve the Attorney General for a continuing violation if the violation creates an immediate threat to the health or safety of the patients.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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