CHAPTER 79

(HB 176)

AN ACT relating to fee disclosures by licensed ambulance providers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➜SECTION 1.   A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1)   Each licensed ambulance provider, as defined in KRS 311A.010, shall:

(a)   Post in a conspicuous area of the main office, any satellite location, and on the company Web site, if the company hosts or otherwise maintains a Web site itself or through contract with another party, a comprehensive fee schedule of all services provided that is consistent with the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). The fee schedule shall:

1.   Clearly identify fees for services including base rates, mileage, disposable supply fees, and any other potential fees for services provided; and

2.   Be documented in understandable language with sufficient explanation to allow consumers to draw meaningful comparisons of fees among licensed ambulance providers;

(b)   Provide a copy of this fee schedule to a beneficiary at the time of service upon request;

(c)   Update fee schedules within fifteen (15) calendar days of any modification; and

(d)   Submit a report of an initial ambulance provider fee schedule and any subsequent modifications to the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services. The report shall be subject to open records requests under KRS 61.870 to 61.884.

(2)   The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services shall:

(a)   Assess a licensed ambulance provider a monetary penalty of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) per occurrence for failure to post or update a modified fee schedule as required under subsection (1) of this section; and

(b)   Issue a statement of violation consistent with administrative regulations promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services.

(3)   The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services shall promulgate administrative regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

Signed by Governor April 2, 2018.