



# Burleson Fire & EMS

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Update on Texas Senate Bill 2476

# Discussion Objectives:

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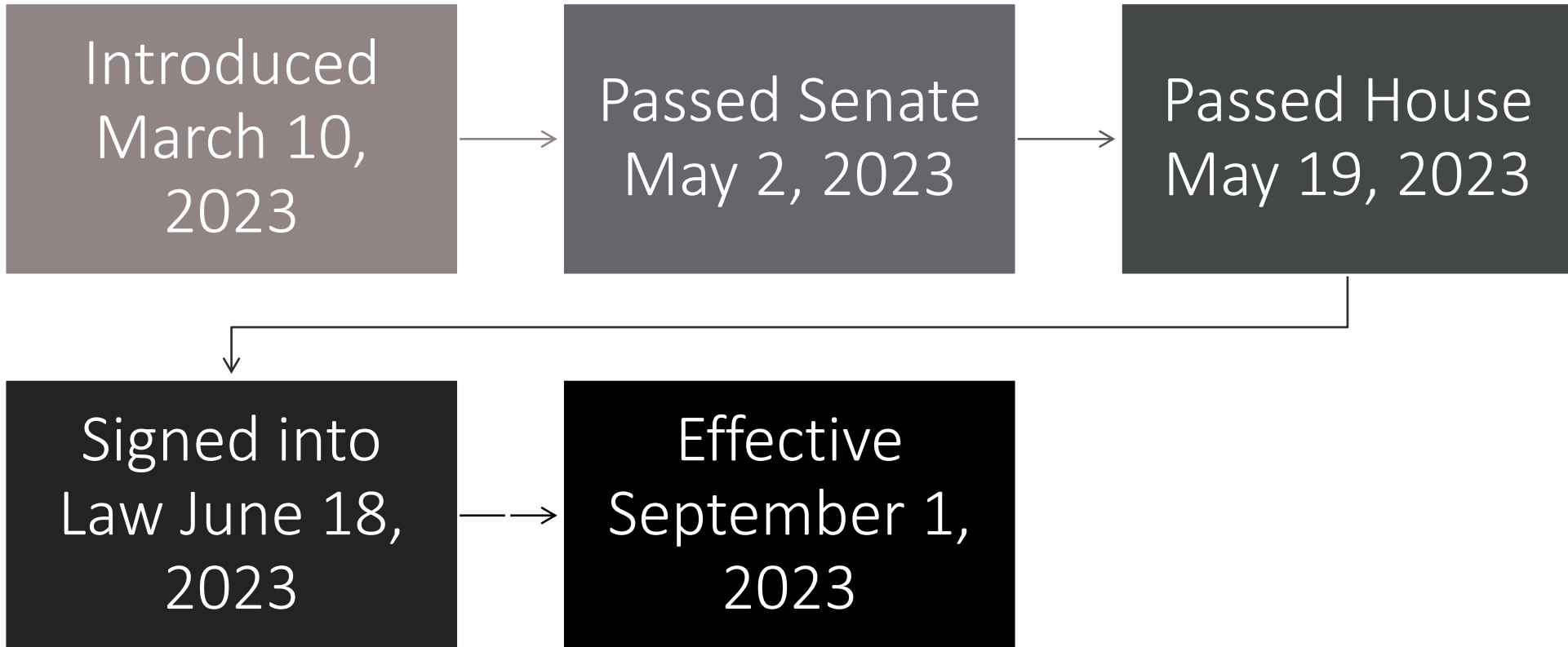
- What is Texas Senate Bill 2476
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# What is Texas Senate Bill 2476?

- Senate Bill 2476 requires municipal ground ambulance service providers to create and maintain a billing rate database. This database must include the following information:
- The provider's standard billing rates for all services
- The provider's discount rates for certain groups, such as Medicare and Medicaid
- The provider's policies on balance billing

# Texas Senate Bill 2476 Time-Line

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## Impacts anticipated on current fee schedule and billing policies

Staff consulted with Emergicon concerning potential impact of Senate Bill 2476 (SB2476) & received the following information:

1. Current Fee Schedule is in compliance with SB 2476
2. Modifying the City's current fee structure is not recommended
3. The City's fee schedule is designed to effectively capture revenues from commercial insurances
4. Texas EMS Alliance predicts only 20% of all patients transported will be affected by SB2476
5. An important intent of SB 2476 is to place more pressure on insurance companies to pay ambulance providers at a monetary level commensurate with the services provided
6. SB 2476 prohibits the balancing billing of patients for out-of-network services by ground EMS

## Summary of: Key purposes of SB 2476

- ✓ Helps to protect consumers from surprise medical bills.
- ✓ Places more pressure on insurance companies to pay ambulance providers at a monetary level commensurate with the services provided
- ✓ Will help to mitigate ambulance providers from billing exorbitant rates for their services
- ✓ Consumers will have the ability to compare prices after receiving bills for ambulance services
- ✓ Communities that lack rates set by the local governmental entity, health plans will be directed to reimburse ground EMS agencies at the lesser of the billing charge or 325 percent of Medicare

# Action Item

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Staff recommends: Council approve a resolution amending Resolution CSO#5077-04-2023 by adopting an amended emergency medical and ambulance services billing policy.

# Questions / Comments

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