

SB 5948 - DIGEST

Prohibits the state health care authority, the department of social and health services, and the director of the department of labor and industries from reimbursing facility charges from a freestanding emergency room unless that freestanding emergency room is physically connected to a fully serviceable inpatient operating room.

Prohibits a freestanding emergency room from requiring or requesting any state-purchased health care program to pay a facility charge for services rendered in a freestanding emergency room.

Requires certain nonprofit hospitals to: (1) File an unofficial copy of their federal Schedule H form 990 with the department of revenue within five days of filing the form with the internal revenue service; and

(2) Make each unofficial copy of the form available for download on the department's web site.