

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

The current definition of “ambulatory surgical center” in the Health and Safety Code can be interpreted to prevent a patient undergoing outpatient surgery from staying in such a center past midnight, regardless of when the surgery took place or the condition of the patient. As proposed, S.B. 594 changes the definition of “ambulatory surgical center” to allow patients to stay overnight in such facilities, while still restricting the general stay to 24 hours or less after the completion of the procedure.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 243.002(1), Health and Safety Code, by redefining “ambulatory surgical center” as a facility that operates primarily to provide surgical services to patients who require a recovery period of 24 hours or less after the completion of the patient’s procedure, rather than patients who do not require overnight hospital care.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.