

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend printed bill, page 4, strike line 27.

2 Page 5, strike lines 1 and 2 and substitute "GUARANTOR BY REFERRING
3 THE DEBT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO A DEBT COLLECTOR, A
4 COLLECTION AGENCY, OR OTHER".

5 Page 6, strike lines 7 through 9 and substitute:

6 "(2) IF A PATIENT BELIEVES THAT A HOSPITAL WAS NOT IN
7 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE WITH HOSPITAL PRICE TRANSPARENCY LAWS ON
8 A DATE ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION THAT ITEMS
9 OR SERVICES WERE PURCHASED BY OR PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT, AND
10 THE HOSPITAL TAKES A COLLECTION ACTION AGAINST THE PATIENT OR
11 PATIENT GUARANTOR, THE PATIENT OR PATIENT GUARANTOR MAY FILE
12 SUIT TO DETERMINE IF THE HOSPITAL WAS MATERIALLY OUT OF
13 COMPLIANCE WITH THE HOSPITAL PRICE TRANSPARENCY LAWS AND RULES
14 AND REGULATIONS ON THE DATE OF SERVICE. THE HOSPITAL SHALL NOT
15 TAKE A COLLECTION ACTION AGAINST THE PATIENT OR PATIENT
16 GUARANTOR WHILE THE LAWSUIT IS PENDING.

17 (3) A HOSPITAL THAT HAS BEEN FOUND BY A JUDGE OR JURY,
18 CONSIDERING COMPLIANCE STANDARDS ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL CENTERS
19 FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES, TO BE MATERIALLY OUT OF
20 COMPLIANCE WITH HOSPITAL PRICE TRANSPARENCY LAWS AND RULES AND
21 REGULATIONS:".

22 Renumber succeeding subsection accordingly.

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