



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 341

HOUSE BILL NO. 710

By Representatives Terry, Smith, Helton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 613

By Senators Reeves, Kelsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to medical billing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Healthcare Billing Clarity Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Healthcare facility" means a hospital licensed under title 33 or 68;

(2) "Healthcare provider" or "provider" means a physician or other healthcare practitioner licensed or certified under title 63 to perform specialty healthcare services consistent with their scope of practice under state law; and

(3) "Specialty healthcare service" means anesthesia, pathology, radiology, and emergency services.

(b) A hospital shall not include in any billing statement to a patient any language that indicates or implies that a charge is for a specialty healthcare service that was rendered by a healthcare provider unless:

(1) The charge is described in a manner that provides the patient with sufficient information to identify the healthcare provider or the specialty healthcare service rendered; and

(2)

(A) The costs of any supplies, equipment, or other services rendered to the patient by or at the hospital are excluded from the amount charged for the healthcare provider or the specialty healthcare service rendered; or

(B) The billing statement includes language or is accompanied by a notice to inform the patient that billed amounts for services do not include charges for healthcare providers who are not employed by the healthcare facility, including anesthesiologists, emergency physicians, pathologists, and radiologists.

(c) If a healthcare provider includes a charge in a billing statement to a patient for the costs of any supplies, equipment, or other services provided by a healthcare facility, then the healthcare provider shall include with the billing statement language or an accompanying notice to inform the patient that those charges are included.

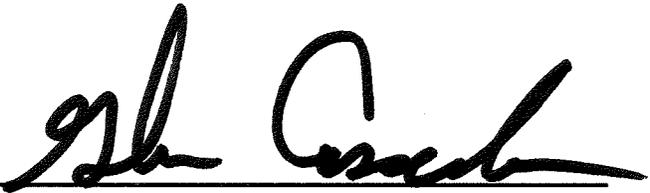
(d) A violation of subsection (b) or (c) constitutes a violation of this part as an unfair or deceptive act or practice affecting the conduct of trade or commerce and is subject to the penalties and remedies as provided by this part. Each act in violation of subsection (b) or (c) constitutes a separate violation of this part.

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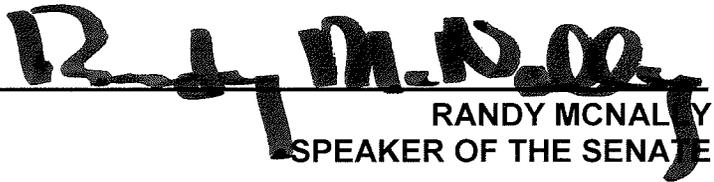
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to billing for services rendered on or after that date.

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PASSED: April 24, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR