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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 640

5 By: Senator K. Hammer  
6 By: Representative Penzo  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR  
10 MEDICAL DEBT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR  
16 MEDICAL DEBT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-56-106(b), concerning the statute of  
22 limitations for collection of a debt for medical services, is amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 (b) ~~No~~ An action shall not be brought to recover charges for medical  
25 services performed or provided after March 31, 1985, by a physician or other  
26 medical service provider after the expiration of a period of ~~two (2)~~ five (5)  
27 years from the date the services were performed or provided or from the date  
28 of the most recent partial payment for the services, whichever is later.  
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30 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Contingent effectiveness.

31 (a) Section 1 of this act becomes effective only if the Consumer  
32 Protection for Medical Debt Collections Practices Act, H.R. 5330, 116th Cong.  
33 becomes law on or before January 1, 2026.

34 (b) This act shall not be effective if the Consumer Protection for  
35 Medical Debt Collections Practices Act, H.R. 5330, 116th Cong. (2019), does  
36 not become law on or before January 1, 2026.



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