

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Hardin**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPETENCY OF A WITNESS TO IDENTIFY
9 MEDICAL BILLS IN A CIVIL CASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

12 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPETENCY OF A WITNESS TO IDENTIFY
13 MEDICAL BILLS IN A CIVIL CASE."

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

17 SECTION 1. Upon the trial of any civil case involving injury, disease
18 or disability, the patient, a member of his family or any other person
19 responsible for the care of the patient, shall be a competent witness to
20 identify doctor bills, hospital bills, ambulance service bills, drug bills and
21 similar bills for expenses incurred in the treatment of the patient upon a
22 showing by the witness that such bills were received from a licensed
23 practicing physician, hospital, ambulance service, pharmacy, drug store, or
24 supplier of therapeutic or orthopedic devices, and that such expenses were
25 incurred in connection with the treatment of the injury, disease or disability
26 involved in the subject of litigation at trial. Such items of evidence need
27 not be identified by the person who submits the bill, and it shall not be
28 necessary for an expert witness to testify that the charges were reasonable
29 and necessary.

31 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
32 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
33 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

35 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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6 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
7 hereby repealed.

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