

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1452

5 By: Representative Gonzales  
6 By: Senator C. Penzo  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS IN THIS STATE TO COMPLY  
10 WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING TRANSPARENCY  
11 REGULATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO  
12 ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING  
13 TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 COMPLY WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING  
18 TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS; AND TO REQUIRE  
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENFORCE  
20 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING  
21 TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 3, is amended  
28 to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 20-9-314. Hospital pricing transparency – Legislative findings.

30 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

31 (1) Under 45 C.F.R. Part 180, each hospital operating in the  
32 United States is required to provide clear, accessible pricing information  
33 online about the items and services that the hospital provides; and

34 (2) Easy-to-understand pricing information is essential to  
35 support patients, prevent fraud, and protect consumers from unfair medical  
36 bills.



