State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
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By: Representative Gonzales
By: Senator C. Penzo

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS IN THIS STATE TO COMPLY
WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING TRANSPARENCY
REGULATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING
TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS IN THIS STATE TO
COMPLY WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING
TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS; AND TO REQUIRE
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENFORCE
COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING
TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 3, is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:
20-9-314. Hospital pricing transparency — Legislative findings.
(a) The General Assembly finds that:
(1) Under 45 C.F.R. Part 180, each hospital operating in the
United States is required to provide clear, accessible pricing information
online about the items and services that the hospital provides; and
(2) Easy-to-understand pricing information is essential to
support patients, prevent fraud, and protect consumers from unfair medical
bills.
(b)(1) A hospital licensed in this state shall comply with 45 C.F.R. Part 180, as existing on January 1, 2023.

(2) If the Department of Health finds that a hospital licensed in this state has not complied with 45 C.F.R. Part 180, as existing on January 1, 2023, then the department shall fine the hospital two hundred fifty dollars ($250) per day for noncompliance.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after six (6) months from the enactment of this act.

/s/Gonzales

APPROVED: 4/6/23