

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1324

"AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROHIBITION AGAINST BALANCE BILLING
APPLIES REGARDLESS OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF A HEALTH
MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1324.

Amend House Bill No. 1324 as engrossed, H2/12/01:

Add Senator T. Smith as a senate cosponsor to the bill

AND

Page 1, line 35, delete "~~(3)~~ (1)" and substitute "~~(3)~~ (1)(A)"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 5 through 6 and substitute:
"organization.

(B) Any health maintenance organization that violates this subsection shall be subject to the penalties provided in § 23-76-105.

(C)(i) If a participating provider violates this subsection and after the Insurance Commissioner has issued a written warning to the participating provider, the Insurance Commissioner may levy a penalty in an amount not less than one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

(ii) Before imposing the penalty, the Insurance Commissioner shall send a written notice to the participating provider informing the provider of the right to a hearing pursuant to § 23-61-303 through 23-61-307."

AND

Page 2, line 28, delete "(3)" and substitute "(3)(A)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 34 and substitute:
"maintenance organization.

(B) Any health maintenance organization, that violates"

AND

Page 2, delete line 36 and substitute:

"105.

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(ii) Before imposing the penalty, the Insurance Commissioner shall send a written notice to the participating provider informing the provider of the right to a hearing pursuant to § 23-61-303 through 23-61-307."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator T. Smith

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Secretary