

State of Arkansas

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SENATE BILL 147

By: Senator Canada

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT EACH HOSPITAL IN THE STATE FURNISH THE PATIENT AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF ALL SERVICES, DRUGS AND SUPPLIES TO BE BILLED TO THE PATIENT NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER DISCHARGE OF THE PATIENT; TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Each hospital in the State, except those operated by the State of Arkansas, shall, at the time of discharge of each patient or at the time of billing the patient or the insurance company for the hospital services, drugs and supplies, furnish to the patient and to the insurance company an itemized listing of all services, drugs, and supplies to be billed to such person while a patient in the hospital. Provided, such itemized statement shall be furnished to the patient and the insurance company no later than thirty (30) days after discharge of the patient. In addition, each patient discharged from a hospital in the State shall at the time of discharge be advised in writing of his/her right to receive the itemized statement for services, drugs and supplies required by this Act.

SECTION 2. The Administrator or the Agent of any hospital who fails or refuses to provide the itemized statement required in this Act, or fails or refuses at the time of discharge of any patient to advise the patient of his or her right to receive the itemized statement provided for herein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), nor more than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for each such violation.

SECTION 3. The Board of Health shall adopt rules specifying the items to be included and the manner in which they shall be presented on itemized statements as required in Section 1.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

