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A Bill

SENATE BILL 640

5 By: Senator K. Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR
9 MEDICAL DEBT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR
15 MEDICAL DEBT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-56-106(b), concerning the statute of
21 limitations for collection of a debt for medical services, is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 (b) ~~No~~ An action shall not be brought to recover charges for medical
24 services performed or provided after March 31, 1985, by a physician or other
25 medical service provider after the expiration of a period of ~~two (2)~~ five (5)
26 years from the date the services were performed or provided or from the date
27 of the most recent partial payment for the services, whichever is later.
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29 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Contingent effectiveness.

30 Section 1 of this act becomes effective only if the Consumer Protection
31 for Medical Debt Collections Practices Act, H.R. 5330, 116th Cong. (2019),
32 becomes law by January 1, 2026.
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