1   State of Arkansas

2   94th General Assembly

A Bill

3   Regular Session, 2023   HOUSE BILL 1452

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5   By: Representative Gonzales

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7   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8   AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS IN THIS STATE TO COMPLY

9   WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING TRANSPARENCY

10   REGULATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO

11   ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING

12   TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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15   **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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24   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26   SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 3, is amended

27   to add an additional section to read as follows:

28   20-9-314. Hospital pricing transparency — Legislative findings.

29   (a) The General Assembly finds that:

30   (1) Under 45 C.F.R. Part 180, each hospital operating in the

31   United States is required to provide clear, accessible pricing information

32   online about the items and services that the hospital provides; and

33   (2) Easy-to-understand pricing information is essential to

34   support patients, prevent fraud, and protect consumers from unfair medical

35   bills.

36   (b)(1) A hospital licensed in this state shall comply with 45 C.F.R.

1 Part 180, as existing on January 1, 2023.

2   (2) If the Department of Health finds that a hospital licensed

3 in this state has not complied with 45 C.F.R. Part 180, as existing on

4 January 1, 2023, then the department shall fine the hospital two hundred

5 fifty dollars ($250) per day for noncompliance.

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7   SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after six (6)

8 months from the enactment of this act.

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