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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1006
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “sold;” insert “requiring a purchaser of medical debt to notify the patient of certain information and to take certain other actions;”; and in line 12, after “(n)” insert “and 19–219(a)(3)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, strike beginning with the colon in line 7 down through “**STATE**” in line 8 and substitute “STATE”; strike beginning with “; **AND**” in line 9 down through “**SOLD**” in line 11; strike beginning with “**MAY**” in line 19 down through “**(III)**” in line 21; in lines 23 and 25, strike “**(IV)**” and “**(V)**”, respectively, and substitute “(III)” and “(IV)”, respectively; in line 26, strike “**400%**” and substitute “500%”; and in line 30, strike “**DISCOUNT**” and substitute “REDUCTION”.

On page 6, after line 3, insert:

(5) THE PURCHASER OF THE DEBT SHALL:

(I) NOTIFY THE PATIENT THAT THE DEBT HAS BEEN CANCELED; AND

(II) IF THE HOSPITAL OBTAINED A JUDGMENT AGAINST THE PATIENT OR REPORTED ADVERSE INFORMATION TO A CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCY ABOUT THE PATIENT, SEEK TO VACATE THE JUDGMENT OR STRIKE THE ADVERSE INFORMATION.”;

and after line 13, insert:

“19–219.

(a) The Commission may review the costs, and rates, quality, and efficiency of facility services, and make any investigation that the Commission considers necessary to assure each purchaser of health care facility services that:

(3) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 19–214.2(M) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE rates are set equitably among all purchasers or classes of purchasers without undue discrimination or preference.”.