

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 344

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after “to” insert “allow hospitals to charge less than a Commission-approved rate for outpatient surgical services; authorizing the Commission to”; and in line 6, after “circumstances;” insert “requiring certain hospitals to provide certain information to the Commission; allowing the Commission to conduct an audit under certain circumstances and to impose certain requirements on certain hospitals under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; allowing the Commission to adopt certain regulations providing for the treatment of social costs associated with certain outpatient services;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 20, strike “SHALL DEFINE THE” and substitute “SHALL ALLOW HOSPITALS TO CHARGE LESS THAN A COMMISSION-APPROVED RATE FOR OUTPATIENT SURGICAL SERVICES, AND MAY DEFINE OTHER”; in line 24, after “RATES;” insert “AND”; and strike in their entirety lines 25 and 26.

On page 2, in line 1, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 6 and 7; and in line 8, strike “(III)” and substitute “(II)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 11, insert:

“(3) (I) PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH HOSPITAL THAT CHARGES LESS THAN A COMMISSION-APPROVED RATE FOR AN OUTPATIENT SERVICE SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION, ON AN

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ANNUAL BASIS, DATA ON ITS CHARGES, REVENUES, UTILIZATION, AND COSTS IN PROVIDING THE OUTPATIENT SERVICE.

(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE, BY AUDIT IF NECESSARY, THAT THE DATA REFERENCED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH REFLECTS THE TRUE AND ACCURATE COST OF PROVIDING THESE SERVICES.

(III) IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT THE DATA REFERENCED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT REFLECT THE TRUE AND ACCURATE COSTS AND REVENUES OF PROVIDING THESE SERVICES, THE COMMISSION MAY IMPOSE APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THE FORMATION OF A SEPARATE CORPORATE STRUCTURE FOR THE SERVICES.

(4) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, in line 13, strike “October 1, 1998” and substitute “July 1, 1998”.