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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
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House Bill 1386

(Delegate V. Turner, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

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Hospitals - Written Statement - Provider Bills

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This bill requires a hospital to provide an individual who is seeking treatment a written statement indicating the individual may receive bills, separate from the hospital's bill, from providers treating the individual at the hospital.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** A hospital or nursing facility must provide written information to an individual, on or before admission, about: (1) the facility's services, including each service that is required to be offered on an as-needed basis; and (2) related charges, including any charges for services that are not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or the basic rate of the facility.

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Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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