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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Hospital Summary Financial Statement - Physician Charges**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a hospital to include certain information in certain  
4 summary financial statements provided to certain individuals regarding how  
5 certain charges for certain services provided by certain physicians will be billed  
6 separately from certain hospital charges; and generally relating to hospital  
7 summary financial statements.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Health - General  
10 Section 19-350(b)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Health - General**

16 19-350.

17 (b) (1) Within 30 days after discharge of an individual from a hospital, the  
18 hospital shall give the individual a summary financial statement that clearly  
19 describes:

20 (i) The total charges incurred;

21 (ii) If readily ascertainable, a summary of the total charges under  
22 the major services categories, including:

23 1. Room and board;

24 2. Diagnostic services;

- 1 3. Therapeutic services;
- 2 4. Emergency room services;
- 3 5. Drugs and IV solutions; and
- 4 6. Miscellaneous other supplies and services;

5 (iii) If applicable, the name of the primary and secondary insurer to  
6 which a claim has been or will be filed on the individual's behalf; [and]

7 (IV) THAT CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PHYSICIAN ARE  
8 NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL HOSPITAL CHARGES AND ARE BILLED SEPARATELY;  
9 AND

10 [(iv)] (V) The individual's right to request an itemized statement of  
11 the account within 1 year of receipt of the summary statement.

12 (2) Within 30 days after an individual's request as provided under  
13 paragraph [(1)(iv)] (1)(V) of this subsection, the hospital shall provide the individual  
14 a statement of the account that:

- 15 (i) Is itemized; and
- 16 (ii) Describes briefly but clearly each item and the amount charged  
17 for it.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 2005.