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CHAPTER _____

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:

- 1 (i) The total charges incurred;
- 2 (ii) If readily ascertainable, a summary of the total charges under
3 the major services categories, including:
- 4 1. Room and board;
- 5 2. Diagnostic services;
- 6 3. Therapeutic services;
- 7 4. Emergency room services;
- 8 5. Drugs and IV solutions; and
- 9 6. Miscellaneous other supplies and services;
- 10 (iii) If applicable, the name of the primary and secondary insurer to
11 which a claim has been or will be filed on the individual's behalf; [and]

12 (IV) THAT CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PHYSICIAN ARE
13 NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL HOSPITAL CHARGES AND ARE BILLED SEPARATELY;
14 AND

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

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

- 20 (i) Is itemized; and
- 21 (ii) Describes briefly but clearly each item and the amount charged
22 for it.

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