

HB1069/276487/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1069

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Delegate Hammen” and substitute “Delegates Hammen, Benson, Costa, Montgomery, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pena-Melnyk, Pendergrass, Reznik, and V. Turner”; in line 4, strike “each hospital” and substitute “the Health Services Cost Review Commission to require certain hospitals”; in line 8, strike “Health Services Cost Review”; in lines 19 and 20, strike “a certain purpose” and substitute “certain purposes”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 23 down through “bills;” in line 26.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 26 through 29, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE EACH ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL IN THE STATE TO DEVELOP A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY FOR PROVIDING FREE AND REDUCED-COST CARE TO PATIENTS WHO LACK HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OR WHOSE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE DOES NOT PAY THE FULL COST OF THE HOSPITAL BILL.

(2) THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY SHALL PROVIDE, AT A MINIMUM:”;

and in lines 30 and 32, strike “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively.

On page 3, after line 2, insert:

(Over)

“(3) THE COMMISSION BY REGULATION MAY ESTABLISH INCOME THRESHOLDS HIGHER THAN THOSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 17 and 18; in lines 19, 21, 23, and 25, strike “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, and “(7)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively; and in line 19, strike “OVERDUE BILLS” and substitute “BILLS INCURRED BY SELF-PAY PATIENTS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 6, in line 12, after “review” insert “:

(1);

strike beginning with “collection” in line 13 down through “in” in line 14 and substitute “collection, including as elements within”;

in lines 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, “(3)”, “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “(i)”, “(ii)”, “(iv)”, “(v)”, “(vi)”, and “(vii)”, respectively; after line 17, insert:

“(iii) use of liens to enforce collection of a debt;”;

and in line 22, after “bills” insert “:

(2) the desirability of applying any uniform policies to private psychiatric and chronic care hospitals; and

(3) the desirability of altering the legal rate of interest on a judgment to collect a hospital debt”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 7, strike beginning with the colon in line 1 down through “That” in line 11.