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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 460, L.D. 1391,

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Bill, "AN ACT to Require Hospitals to Provide Item-

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ized Bills upon Request."

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Amend the Bill in that part designated "§1712."

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by adding at the end the following:

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'Notwithstanding this section, effective July 1,

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1985, each hospital shall itemize on the hospital

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bill of each patient the cost of nursing services

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provided to that patient.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The itemization of the costs of nursing services

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on each patient's hospital bill allows a patient to

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know the true costs of nursing services he received.

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These costs are based on the intensity of the

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patient's care needs and the actual services provided

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rather than on the room rate which includes house-

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keeping, dietary and maintenance costs. As nursing is

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the major professional service provided to hospital-

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ized patients, the itemization of costs based on the

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individual patient's nursing care needs demands more

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 460, L.D. 1391

- 1 accurate cost accounting and leads to more effective
- 2 cost containment of this major service.
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