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(New Draft of S.P. 182, L.D.549)
(New Title)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 460

In Senate, March 30, 1983

Reported by Senator Bustin of Kennebec from the Committee on Health
and Institutional Services and printed under Joint Rule 2.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

AN ACT to Require Hospitals to Provide
Itemized Bills upon Request.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
follows:

22 MRSA §1712 is enacted to read:

§1712. Itemized bills

Each hospital licensed by the State under chapter
405 shall inform all patients, or their legal guard-
ians, in writing, at the time of the patient's dis-
charge, that it will provide an itemized bill upon
their request.

1 The request may be made by the patient or his
2 legal guardian at discharge or at any time within 7
3 years after discharge.

4 The hospital shall provide an itemized bill to
5 the person making the request within 30 days of the
6 request.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 This new draft modifies the bill, which had
9 applied only to Medicare and Medicaid patients, by
10 requiring that hospitals notify all patients in writ-
11 ing that they will provide itemized bills upon
12 request. The request shall be made within 7 years of
13 the patient's discharge, since hospitals do not keep
14 these records indefinitely. The hospitals shall com-
15 ply within 30 days of the request.

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