

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 15

In Senate, January 15, 2013

An Act To Lower the Cost of Copies of Medical Records

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland and
Senator: SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1711, 5th ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 418, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 Reasonable costs incurred by the hospital in making and providing copies of medical
5 records and additions to medical records must be borne by the requesting person and the
6 hospital may require payment prior to responding to the request. The charge for copies of
7 records may not exceed ~~\$10~~ \$5 for the first page and 35¢ for each additional page.

8 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1711-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 418, §2, is further
9 amended to read:

10 **§1711-A. Fees charged for records**

11 Whenever a health care practitioner defined in section 1711-B furnishes requested
12 copies of a patient's treatment record or a medical report or an addition to a treatment
13 record or medical report to the patient or the patient's authorized representative, the
14 charge for the copies or the report may not exceed the reasonable costs incurred by the
15 health care practitioner in making and providing the copies or the report. The charge for
16 copies of records may not exceed ~~\$10~~ \$5 for the first page and 35¢ for each additional
17 page.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill reduces the maximum amount that a hospital may charge for copies of
20 medical records for the first page from \$10 to \$5.