

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 69

In Senate, January 25, 2021

### An Act To Limit Late Medical Billing to 6 Months

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 21, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 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 POULIOT of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1718-G** is enacted to read:

3 **§1718-G. Prohibition on billing for late billing statements**

4 A health care entity, as defined in section 1718-B, subsection 1, paragraph B, is  
5 prohibited from charging a patient for health care services it provided when a billing  
6 statement has not been provided to the patient within 6 months of the date health care  
7 services were rendered to the patient.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill prohibits a health care entity, including health care practitioners and hospitals  
10 and other health care facilities, from charging a patient for health care services when a  
11 billing statement has not been provided within 6 months of the date the patient received  
12 health care services.