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An Act To Increase Transparency in Dental Billing

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on April 5, 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 VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington,
Representatives: PAULHUS of Bath, STOVER of Boothbay, TEPLER of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18394** is enacted to read:

3 **§18394. Notice of certain charges required**

4 A dentist, independent practice dental hygienist or denturist shall provide notice to a
5 patient before services are rendered to that patient of a charge for a procedure, equipment,
6 materials or other measures necessary to protect the health and safety of patients and staff
7 during a public health emergency such as a pandemic or other outbreak of infectious
8 disease.

9 **SUMMARY**

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11 notice to a patient before services are rendered to that patient of a charge for a procedure,
12 equipment, materials or other measures necessary to protect the health and safety of patients
13 and staff during a public health emergency such as a pandemic or other outbreak of
14 infectious disease.

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