

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2021

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No. 1353

S.P. 439

In Senate, April 7, 2021

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**An Act To Require the Public Posting of the Costs of Medical Procedures, Services, Medications and Equipment Delivered in Hospitals and the Reporting of Those Costs upon Request**

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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 MIRAMANT of Knox.  
Cosponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner and  
Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin,  
MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, WARREN of Hallowell,  
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, ZEIGLER of Montville.

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

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

3 **§1718-H. Posting of costs by hospital**

4 A hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 405 shall post on its publicly accessible website  
5 the cost to a patient of procedures, services, medications and equipment provided by that  
6 hospital. A hospital shall provide notice to a patient of this posting and shall provide these  
7 costs to a patient upon the request of that patient. Notwithstanding Title 17-A, section  
8 1705, a violation of this section is a Class E crime for which a fine of \$1,000 per day may  
9 be adjudged.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires a hospital to post on its publicly accessible website the cost to a  
12 patient of procedures, services, medications and equipment provided by that hospital. It  
13 requires a hospital to provide notice to a patient of this posting and provide these costs to a  
14 patient upon the request of that patient. A violation of the provisions of the bill is a Class  
15 E crime for which a fine of \$1,000 per day may be adjudged.