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An Act to Address Late Medical Billing by Limiting Hospital Billing to One Year

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1728 is enacted to read:
3	<u>§1728. Time limit for billing</u>
4	A bill for a service provided by a hospital licensed under chapter 405 must be issued
5	to the patient or the legal guardian of the patient who received the service within one year
6	of the provision of the service. If a bill is issued by a hospital in violation of this section,
7	the patient or the legal guardian of the patient who received the service is not obligated to
8	pay the bill.
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10	This bill requires a hospital to issue a bill within one year of providing a service or the
11	patient or guardian of the patient who received the service is not obligated to pay the bill.