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A Bill

SENATE BILL 640

By: Senator K. Hammer
By: Representative Penzo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR
MEDICAL DEBT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO EXTEND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR
MEDICAL DEBT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-56-106(b), concerning the statute of limitations for collection of a debt for medical services, is amended to read as follows:

(b) ~~No~~ An action shall not be brought to recover charges for medical services performed or provided after March 31, 1985, by a physician or other medical service provider after the expiration of a period of ~~two (2)~~ five (5) years from the date the services were performed or provided or from the date of the most recent partial payment for the services, whichever is later.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Contingent effectiveness.

(a) Section 1 of this act becomes effective only if the Consumer Protection for Medical Debt Collections Practices Act, H.R. 5330, 116th Cong. becomes law on or before January 1, 2026.

(b) This act shall not be effective if the Consumer Protection for Medical Debt Collections Practices Act, H.R. 5330, 116th Cong. (2019), does not become law on or before January 1, 2026.



/s/K. Hammer

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