

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: S3/30/23
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1452

By: Representative Gonzales
By: Senator C. Penzo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS IN THIS STATE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS IN THIS STATE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL HOSPITAL PRICING TRANSPARENCY REGULATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-9-314. Hospital pricing transparency – Legislative findings.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Under 45 C.F.R. Part 180, each hospital operating in the United States is required to provide clear, accessible pricing information online about the items and services that the hospital provides; and

(2) Easy-to-understand pricing information is essential to support patients, prevent fraud, and protect consumers from unfair medical bills.



(b)(1) A hospital licensed in this state shall comply with 45 C.F.R. Part 180, as existing on January 1, 2023.

(2) If the Department of Health finds that a hospital licensed in this state has not complied with 45 C.F.R. Part 180, as existing on January 1, 2023, then the department shall fine the hospital two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per day for noncompliance.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after six (6) months from the enactment of this act.

/s/Gonzales

APPROVED: 4/6/23