

SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO sb709.

deleting lines 9 and 10 on page 1 and substituting therefor the following:

"THE MEDICAL PROVIDER REFERRAL AND DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1997; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.";

AND

by deleting lines 13 and 14 of page 1 and substituting therefor the following:

"THE MEDICAL PROVIDER REFERRAL AND DISCLOSURE ACT OF 1997.";

AND

by deleting lines 25 through 35 of page 1 and substituting the following:

"(c) All medical providers which make referrals, including hospitals, physicians, hospices, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), durable medical equipment suppliers, pharmacists, and nursing homes, shall maintain and disclose information to the Department of Health on the referrals each respective medical provider makes to other medical providers in which the referring medical provider has a direct or indirect financial interest. The information shall consist of the following:

(1) the nature of the referring medical provider s financial relationship to the other medical provider;

(2) the number of individuals who were referred to each medical provider in which the referring medical provider has a direct or indirect financial interest; and

(3) the percentage of such individuals who received services from the referring medical provider."

AND

by deleting on line 3 of page 2 the word "hospital" and substituting the phrase medical provider subject to this act"

AND

by deleting on lines 4 and 5 of page 2 the language "ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)" and substituting therefor the language "one thousand dollars (\$1,000)"

AND

by inserting on line 7 of page 2 between the word "assessments" and the period (.) the phrase "if the violation is knowing, wilful and intentional".