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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 92, L.D. 110, Bill, “An Act Regarding Credit Ratings Related to Overdue Medical Expenses”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1310-H, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Reporting of medical expenses on a consumer report. Notwithstanding any provision of federal law, a consumer reporting agency shall comply with the following provisions with respect to the reporting of medical expenses on a consumer report.

A. A consumer reporting agency may not report debt from medical expenses on a consumer's consumer report when the date of the first delinquency on the debt is less than 180 days prior to the date that the debt is reported.

B. Upon the receipt of reasonable evidence from the consumer, creditor or debt collector that a debt from medical expenses has been settled in full or paid in full, a consumer reporting agency:

(1) May not report that debt from medical expenses; and

(2) Shall remove or suppress the report of that debt from medical expenses on the consumer's consumer report.

C. As long as the consumer is making regular, scheduled periodic payments toward the debt from medical expenses reported to the consumer reporting agency as agreed upon by the consumer and medical provider, the consumer reporting agency shall report that debt from medical expenses on the consumer's consumer report in the same manner as debt related to a consumer credit transaction is reported.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment does the following.

It prohibits a consumer reporting agency from reporting debt from medical expenses on a consumer's consumer report when the date of the first delinquency on the debt is less than 180 days prior to the date that the debt is reported.

It requires that a consumer reporting agency remove medical debt on a consumer's consumer report once the credit reporting agency receives information that the debt has been settled in full or paid in full.

If a medical debt is reported to a consumer reporting agency, it requires the consumer reporting agency to report that debt in the same manner as debt related to a consumer credit transaction is reported as long as the consumer is making regular, scheduled periodic payments toward the debt as agreed upon by the consumer and medical provider.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)