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An Act To Limit Late Medical Billing to 6 Months

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Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.

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Secretary of the Senate
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1718-G is enacted to read:

§1718-G. Prohibition on billing for late billing statements

A health care entity, as defined in section 1718-B, subsection 1, paragraph B, is prohibited from charging a patient for health care services it provided when a billing statement has not been provided to the patient within 6 months of the date health care services were rendered to the patient.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a health care entity, including health care practitioners and hospitals and other health care facilities, from charging a patient for health care services when a billing statement has not been provided within 6 months of the date the patient received health care services.