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An Act To Require the Public Posting of the Costs of Medical Procedures, Services, Medications and Equipment Delivered in Hospitals and the Reporting of Those Costs upon Request

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on April 5, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative HARNETT of Gardiner and
Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, HICKMAN of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin,
MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: COPELAND of Saco, WARREN of Hallowell,
WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor, ZEIGLER of Montville.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1718-H** is enacted to read:

3 **§1718-H. Posting of costs by hospital**

4 A hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 405 shall post on its publicly accessible website
5 the cost to a patient of procedures, services, medications and equipment provided by that
6 hospital. A hospital shall provide notice to a patient of this posting and shall provide these
7 costs to a patient upon the request of that patient. Notwithstanding Title 17-A, section
8 1705, a violation of this section is a Class E crime for which a fine of \$1,000 per day may
9 be adjudged.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires a hospital to post on its publicly accessible website the cost to a
12 patient of procedures, services, medications and equipment provided by that hospital. It
13 requires a hospital to provide notice to a patient of this posting and provide these costs to a
14 patient upon the request of that patient. A violation of the provisions of the bill is a Class
15 E crime for which a fine of \$1,000 per day may be adjudged.