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**An Act to Address Late Medical Billing by Limiting Hospital Billing
to One Year**

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1728** is enacted to read:

3 **§1728. Time limit for billing**

4 A bill for a service provided by a hospital licensed under chapter 405 must be issued
5 to the patient or the legal guardian of the patient who received the service within one year
6 of the provision of the service. If a bill is issued by a hospital in violation of this section,
7 the patient or the legal guardian of the patient who received the service is not obligated to
8 pay the bill.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires a hospital to issue a bill within one year of providing a service or the
11 patient or guardian of the patient who received the service is not obligated to pay the bill.