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An Act To Ensure the Rights of Patients

CONCEPT DRAFT SUMMARY

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to ensure the rights of patients, which may include proposals to:

1. Protect a patient's rights in the health insurance market;
2. Enhance accountability for hospitals and health care providers to improve quality and efficiency of care;
3. Increase the transparency of charges and expenses of hospitals and health care providers; and
4. Facilitate the purchase of health care coverage by individuals and small businesses by establishing a state health insurance exchange pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148.