



General Assembly

January Session, 2021

**Proposed Bill No. 683**

LCO No. 1540



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL BILLING AND COLLECTION  
EFFORTS BY HOSPITALS AND COLLECTION AGENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 19a of the general statutes be amended to: (1) Restrict (A)
- 2 the amount that a hospital or collection agent may recover from an
- 3 uninsured or underinsured patient for the unpaid cost of health care,
- 4 and (B) the manner in which a hospital or collection agent may secure
- 5 or recover payment for the unpaid cost of health care; and (2) modify
- 6 provisions concerning hospital billing practices to protect patients who
- 7 receive health care at outpatient clinics that are owned by, or affiliated
- 8 with, hospitals.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To: (1) Restrict (A) the amount that a hospital or collection agent may recover from an uninsured or underinsured patient for the unpaid cost of health care, and (B) the manner in which a hospital or collection agent may secure or recover payment for the unpaid cost of health care; and (2) modify provisions concerning hospital billing practices to protect patients who receive health care at outpatient clinics that are owned by, or affiliated with, hospitals.