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Short Title: Hospitals' Itemized Charges.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO ITEMIZE CHARGES ON DISCHARGED
3 PATIENT'S BILL.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Part C of Article 5 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is
6 amended by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 131E-91. Itemized charges on discharged patient's bill.**

8 All hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities licensed pursuant to this Chapter
9 shall, upon request of the patient within 30 days of discharge, present an itemized list of
10 charges to all discharged patients.

11 The Commission shall adopt rules to ensure that this section is properly
12 implemented and that patient bills which are not itemized include notification to the
13 patient of his right to request an itemized bill. The Department shall not issue nor
14 renew a license under this Chapter unless the applicant has demonstrated that the
15 requirements of this section are being met."

16 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991, and applies to discharges
17 on or after that date.