

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 SB2442

Introduced 2/10/2023, by Sen. Mike Simmons

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

210 ILCS 88/35

Amends the Fair Patient Billing Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a hospital shall not charge or bill a patient whose household income is not greater than 138% of the federal poverty level.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Fair Patient Billing Act is amended by changing Section 35 as follows:
- 6 (210 ILCS 88/35)
- 7 Sec. 35. Collection limitations.
- 8 <u>(a)</u> The hospital shall not pursue legal action for 9 non-payment of a hospital bill against uninsured patients who 10 have clearly demonstrated that they have neither sufficient
- income nor assets to meet their financial obligations provided
- 12 the patient has complied with Section 45 of this Act.
- 13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a hospital
- shall not charge or bill a patient whose household income is
- not greater than 138% of the poverty guidelines updated
- periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of
- Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C.
- 18 9902(2).
- 19 (Source: P.A. 94-885, eff. 1-1-07.)