## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

## RS31116 / H0501

This bill makes minor changes to the 1941 medical lien statute to deal with the way modern medical billing works. It helps patients by making sure that those who have purchased private medical insurance receive the benefits they have purchased. It still protects medical providers allowing for liens in injury cases for the fair value of the services. It gives the providers an additional time period for filing a medical lien after a citizen's health insurance has processed the medical bills to ensure that medical providers get paid all of a fair negotiated value for their services. It prevents providers from overbilling and imposing inflated charges on the liability insurance companies when private health insurance is available to pay.

## **FISCAL NOTE**

This legislation causes no additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government nor does it cause an increase or decrease in revenue for state or local government, therefore the legislation has no fiscal impact.

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