

# SENATE BILL No. 147

February 18, 2015, Introduced by Senator HUNE and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 21517.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 21517. (1) A HOSPITAL THAT USES A CHARGE DESCRIPTION  
2 MASTER SHALL MAKE ITS CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER AVAILABLE BY  
3 POSTING AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER ON THE  
4 HOSPITAL'S INTERNET WEBSITE. IF THE HOSPITAL HAS NO WEBSITE, IT  
5 SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC COPY AVAILABLE AT THE HOSPITAL  
6 LOCATION. A HOSPITAL SHALL ALSO POST A CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS NOTICE  
7 IN ITS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, IF ANY, ADMISSIONS OFFICE, AND BILLING  
8 OFFICE INFORMING PATIENTS THAT THE HOSPITAL'S CHARGE DESCRIPTION  
9 MASTER IS AVAILABLE IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION. A  
10 HOSPITAL SHALL NOT ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACT THAT PREVENTS IT FROM  
11 MAKING ITS CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER AVAILABLE AS REQUIRED IN THIS

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1 SUBSECTION.

2 (2) ANY PERSON MAY FILE A CLAIM WITH THE DEPARTMENT ALLEGING A  
3 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INVESTIGATE AND  
4 INFORM THE COMPLAINING PERSON OF ITS DETERMINATION WHETHER A  
5 VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED AND WHAT ACTION IT WILL TAKE. THE DEPARTMENT  
6 MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OF UP TO \$1,000.00 PER DAY FOR A  
7 VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

8 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "CHARGE DESCRIPTION MASTER" MEANS  
9 A UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF CHARGES REPRESENTED BY THE HOSPITAL AS ITS  
10 GROSS BILLED CHARGE FOR A GIVEN SERVICE OR ITEM, REGARDLESS OF  
11 PAYER TYPE.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 1 year  
13 after the date it is enacted into law.