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H. B. 1403

(By MR. BLACKWELL and MR. KETCHUM)

[Passed March 9, 1982; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article five-b, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine, relating to hospitals and similar institutions; and requiring these institutions to supply any patient, upon request, with one specifically itemized statement of charges assessed to the patient at the institution.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article five-b, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section nine, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5B. HOSPITALS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS.

§16-5B-9. Hospitals and similar institutions required to supply patients, upon request, with one specifically itemized statement of charges assessed to patient, at no cost to patient.

1 Any hospital, or other similar institution, required to be
2 licensed under this article, upon request, shall supply to any

3 patient who has received services from the hospital, whether
4 on an inpatient or outpatient basis, one itemized statement
5 which describes with specificity the exact service or medica-
6 tion for which a charge is assessed to the patient at the
7 institution, at no additional cost to the patient. In the event
8 of the death of any such patient, a relative or guardian may
9 make such request and shall receive such statement at no
10 additional cost.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

W. T. Bayler

Chairman Senate Committee

Tommy E. Whitlow
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Todd C. Wulfe

Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Warren R. McInaw
President of the Senate

Wm. H. Lee, Jr.
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *insigned* this the *29*
day of *March*, 1982.

John I. Dyer
Governor

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