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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to enacting the "transparency in health care fees act"

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
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TITLE 4-A BILLING

7 SECTION 2999-L. HEALTH CARE BILLS.

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8 S 2999-L. HEALTH CARE BILLS. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" SHALL MEAN A PRACTITIONER IN AN INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE, 9 10 GROUP PRACTICE, PARTNERSHIP, PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION OR OTHER AUTHOR-11 IZED FORM OF ASSOCIATION, A HOSPITAL OR OTHER HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION ISSUED AN OPERATING CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER OR THE 12 MENTAL HYGIENE LAW, A CERTIFIED HOME HEALTH AGENCY OR A LICENSED HOME CARE 13 SERVICES AGENCY, AND ANY OTHER PURVEYOR OF HEALTH OR HEALTH 14 RELATED 15 ITEMS OR SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CLINICAL LABORATORY, A PHYSIOLOGICAL LABORATORY, A PHARMACY, A PURVEYOR OF X-RAY OR 16 IMAGING 17 SERVICES, A PURVEYOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES, A PURVEYOR OF HEALTH OR HEALTH RELATED SUPPLIES, APPLIANCES OR EQUIPMENT, 18 OR AN AMBULANCE 19 SERVICE.

20 2. PRIOR TO PERFORMING ANY HEALTH CARE SERVICES, ALL HEALTH CARE 21 PROVIDERS SHALL ADVISE PATIENTS IN WRITING OF THE FEE TO BE CHARGED TO 22 THE PATIENT FOR THE SERVICES TO BE RENDERED IN THE EVENT SUCH FEE IS NOT 23 PAID FOR BY INSURANCE.

24 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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