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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:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "transparency in health care fees act".

3 S 2. Article 29-D of the public health law is amended by adding a new  
4 title 4-A to read as follows:

5 TITLE 4-A

6 BILLING

7 SECTION 2999-L. HEALTH CARE BILLS.

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