



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 977**

### **SENATE BILL NO. 2107**

**By Stevens**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1922

By Faison, Sargent, Travis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) There is created a task force to identify causes for balance billing and to recommend legislative solutions that best protect consumers from balance billing by healthcare providers.

(b) In order to recommend legislative solutions pursuant to subsection (a), the task force shall:

(1) Study causes of balance billing and other states' solutions to balance billing;

(2) Assess the potential fiscal impact to this state of applying the various potential approaches;

(3) Assess the impact to commerce, including cost to consumers through balance billing and health insurance premiums, compliance cost for healthcare providers, and compliance cost for health insurers;

(4) Seek additional input from stakeholders in the healthcare system;

(5) Identify preferable legislative solutions for this state that best address the problem without a fiscal impact to this state; and

(6) Report its findings to the commerce and labor committee of the senate and the insurance and banking committee of the house of representatives.

(c) The task force shall be comprised of the following individuals:

(1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and who shall serve as co-chairs of the task force;

(2) Two (2) members of the senate, who shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate and who shall serve as co-chairs of the task force;

(3) Six (6) members representing healthcare providers, who shall be appointed by the co-chairs of the task force;

(4) Six (6) members representing the health insurance industry, who shall be appointed by the co-chairs of the task force;

(5) One (1) representative, who shall be appointed by the commissioner of commerce and insurance; and

(6) One (1) representative, who shall be appointed by the commissioner of health.

(d) The co-chairs of the task force shall designate a coordinator. The coordinator's duties include, but are not limited to, correspondence, scheduling, presiding when co-chairs are unable to attend, recordkeeping, and presenting findings to the commerce and labor committee of the senate and the insurance and banking committee of the house of representatives.

(e) Members of the general assembly serving on the task force shall only meet for in-person meetings when already scheduled to be in Nashville on official legislative business.

(f) Members of the task force as described in subdivision (c)(5) and (6) shall only participate in the task force within existing resources.

(g) The task force shall cease to exist either after reporting its findings to the commerce and labor committee of the senate and the insurance and banking committee of the house of representatives or February 1, 2017, whichever is earlier.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 19, 2016

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR