

SENATE BILL NO. 280—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR
(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE)

MARCH 13, 2007

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to patients' bills.
(BDR 54-303)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to health care; providing that certain health care bills must be provided to a patient within 120 days after the charge is incurred; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, a provider of health care must give each patient a bill which itemizes any services, equipment, supplies or medicine provided. (NRS 629.071) The existing statute specifies that the bill must be provided in a timely manner after the charges are incurred. (NRS 629.071) Various individual practitioners are subject to this requirement, as are licensed hospitals when acting as an employer of such practitioners. (NRS 629.071)

This bill replaces the provision requiring the bill to be provided in a timely manner with a requirement that the patient's bill be provided within 120 days after the charge is incurred. Additionally, licensed hospitals are no longer subject to the requirement, as the definition of "provider of health care" has been revised specifically for this provision.

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

Section 1. NRS 629.071 is hereby amended to read as follows:
629.071 **1.** Each provider of health care shall, on his bill to a patient, itemize all charges for services, equipment, supplies and medicines provided for the patient in terms which the patient is able to understand.



1 2. The bill must be ~~timely~~ provided *within 120 days* after the
2 charge is incurred at no additional cost to the patient.

3 3. *As used in this section, “provider of health care” means a*
4 *physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630, 630A or 633 of NRS,*
5 *dentist, licensed nurse, dispensing optician, optometrist,*
6 *practitioner of respiratory care, registered physical therapist,*
7 *podiatric physician, licensed psychologist, licensed marriage and*
8 *family therapist, chiropractor, athletic trainer, doctor of Oriental*
9 *medicine in any form, medical laboratory director or technician,*
10 *or pharmacist.*

