

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 1647 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. [604.175] COMPLIANCE WITH DEBT COLLECTION  
1.4 REQUIREMENTS.

1.5 (a) Any patient may bring an action to enjoin extraordinary collection actions taken  
1.6 by a nonprofit hospital if the hospital has failed to provide a plain language summary of  
1.7 the financial assistance policy. A prevailing patient is entitled to reasonable attorney  
1.8 fees and costs.

1.9 (b) For the purposes of this section:

1.10 (1) "extraordinary collection actions" means an action described in Code of Federal  
1.11 Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-6;

1.12 (2) "financial assistance policy" means a written policy that meets the requirements  
1.13 described in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-4;

1.14 (3) "nonprofit hospital" means a hospital that claims federal tax status under United  
1.15 States Code, title 26, section 501(r); and

1.16 (4) "plain language summary" has the meaning given in Code of Federal Regulations,  
1.17 title 26, section 501(r)-1.

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2016, and applies to a  
1.19 nonprofit hospital on and after the date in 2016 when its fiscal year begins."