

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 85 # 8

DIGEST

Health care debt. Specifies that the authority of the attorney general to enforce wage garnishment provisions is limited to health care debt. Specifies the time frame in which a payment plan may be suspended during an appeal and removes extension of the suspension language in the bill. Exempts a financial institution from the definition of "medical creditor" and "medical debt collector". Requires the disclosure of whether a debt is a health care debt in the execution of a judgment.

- 1 Page 1, line 4, after "garnishment" insert **"of health care debt"**.
- 2 Page 1, line 6, after "(b)" insert **"As used in this subsection,**
- 3 **"medical creditor" and "medical debt creditor" do not include a**
- 4 **financial institution (as defined in IC 28-1-1-3(1))."**
- 5 Page 4, line 3, delete "patient" and insert **"person"**.
- 6 Page 4, line 4, delete "sixty (60)" and insert **"the lesser of either:**
- 7 **(A) the exhaustion of the appeals process; or**
- 8 **(B) one hundred twenty (120) days."**
- 9 Page 4, delete lines 5 through 7.
- 10 Page 7, line 3, after "debt" insert **"purchased by, payable to, or**
- 11 **owed to a financial institution (as defined in IC 28-1-1-3(1)), debt"**.
- 12 Page 10, line 6, delete "debt charged to a credit card" and insert **"the**
- 13 **following:**
- 14 **(1) Debt purchased by, payable to, or owed to a financial**
- 15 **institution (as defined in IC 28-1-1-3(1)).**
- 16 **(2) Debt charged to a credit card unless the credit card is**
- 17 **issued under:**
- 18 **(A) an open-end plan; or**
- 19 **(B) a closed-end plan;**
- 20 **offered specifically for the payment of health care services,**
- 21 **products, or devices provided to a person."**
- 22 Page 10, delete lines 7 through 11.
- 23 Page 10, between lines 39 and 40, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 24 **"SECTION 7. IC 34-55-1-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS**
- 25 **FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. The execution must**

- 1 intelligibly refer to the judgment, stating:
- 2 (1) the court where and the time when rendered;
- 3 (2) the names of the parties;
- 4 (3) the amount, if the judgment is for money; ~~and~~
- 5 (4) the amount actually due on the judgment; ~~and~~
- 6 **(5) whether the debt is a health care debt (as defined in**
- 7 **IC 24-4.5-5-105(1)(c))."**
- 8 Page 11, line 11, delete "debt" and insert "the following:
- 9 **(A) Debt purchased by, payable to, or owed to a financial**
- 10 **institution (as defined in IC 28-1-1-3(1)).**
- 11 **(B) Debt charged to a credit card unless the credit card is**
- 12 **issued under:**
- 13 **(i) an open-end plan; or**
- 14 **(ii) a closed-end plan;**
- 15 **offered specifically for the payment of health care services,**
- 16 **products, or devices provided to a person."**
- 17 Page 11, delete lines 12 through 16.
- 18 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to SB 85 as introduced.)