

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SB 225 # 5

DIGEST

Hospitals. Changes the definition of "medical debt" to an amount that is past due 120 days instead of 60 days. Removes noncompliance with the hospital statewide average rate study chapter by a hospital as an act that would prevent pursuing medical debt. Changes the time frame in which a hospital must notify the Indiana department of health (state department) concerning a closure of a hospital and termination of all hospital operations or a complete elimination of a service line to 60 days instead of 120 days. Removes the requirement to inform the state department of a reduction in services. Deletes the requirement for the hospital to: (1) inform the state department of the general reason for the closure or elimination of a service line; and (2) provide notice to the local health department and the chief elected official of the local unit. Removes language that allowed the state department to take other reasonable administrative action for a violation by the hospital on the notice.

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- 1 Page 3, line 26, delete "sixty (60)" and insert "**one hundred twenty**
- 2 **(120)**".
- 3 Page 3, line 30, delete "IC 28-1-1-3(1)." and insert "**IC**
- 4 **28-1-1-3(1) or the financial institution's assignee.**".
- 5 Page 3, delete line 38.
- 6 Page 3, line 39, delete "(5)" and insert "**(4)**".
- 7 Page 4, delete lines 8 through 11.
- 8 Page 4, line 12, delete "(e)" and insert "**(d)**".
- 9 Page 4, line 20, delete "(d)." and insert "**(e)**."
- 10 **(e) Unless a review under IC 4-21.5 by the hospital is pending,**
- 11 **the office of the attorney general may suspend the noncompliant**
- 12 **hospital's authority to pursue medical debt collection after**
- 13 **receiving the notification set forth in subsection (d)(1) until the**
- 14 **office of the attorney general receives the notice under subsection**
- 15 **(d)(2) that the noncompliance has been remedied.**".
- 16 Page 4, line 41, after "enforce" insert "**any suspension under**
- 17 **section 3(e) of**".
- 18 Page 5, line 10, delete "(a)".
- 19 Page 5, delete lines 17 through 18.
- 20 Page 5, line 22, delete "Reduction of Services" and insert
- 21 "**Elimination of Service Lines**".
- 22 Page 5, line 33, delete "one hundred twenty (120)" and insert "**sixty**

- 1 (60)".
- 2 Page 5, line 35, after "Closes" insert "**a hospital licensed under**
- 3 **IC 16-21**".
- 4 Page 5, line 35, after "terminates" insert "**all**".
- 5 Page 5, line 36, delete "Eliminates or reduces" and insert
- 6 "**Completely eliminates**".
- 7 Page 5, line 39, delete "closure, elimination, or reduction." and
- 8 insert "**closure of the hospital or elimination of a service line**".
- 9 Page 5, delete line 42.
- 10 Page 6, delete line 1.
- 11 Page 6, line 6, delete "closure, elimination, or reduction" and insert
- 12 "**closure of a hospital or an elimination of a service line**".
- 13 Page 6, line 10, delete "closure, elimination, or reduction." and
- 14 insert "**closure of the hospital or elimination of a service line**".
- 15 Page 6, delete lines 11 through 15.
- 16 Page 6, line 19, delete "closure, elimination, or reduction" and insert
- 17 "**closure or an elimination of a service line**".
- 18 Page 6, line 29, after "to" insert "**a civil penalty not to exceed ten**
- 19 **thousand dollars (\$10,000)**".
- 20 Page 6, delete lines 30 through 34.
- (Reference is to SB 225 as reprinted January 27, 2026.)