

SENATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

S.F. No. 1741

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03/18/2015		Comm report: To pass as amended Second reading

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A bill for an act

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relating to health; allowing a patient to enjoin collection actions taken by a

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nonprofit hospital if the hospital has failed to provide a financial assistance

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policy; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. [604.175] COMPLIANCE WITH DEBT COLLECTION

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REQUIREMENTS.

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Any patient may take an action to enjoin extraordinary collection actions taken by a

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nonprofit hospital if the hospital has failed to provide a written financial assistance policy.

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A prevailing patient is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.

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For the purposes of this section:

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(1) "extraordinary collection actions" has the meaning given in Code of Federal

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Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-6;

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(2) "financial assistance policy" has the meaning give in Code of Federal

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Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-4; and

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(3) "nonprofit hospital" means a hospital that claims federal tax status under United

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States Code, title 26, section 501(r).