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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1647**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to health; allowing a patient to enjoin collection actions taken by a  
1.3 nonprofit hospital if the hospital has failed to provide a financial assistance  
1.4 policy; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604.

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

1.6 Section 1. [604.175] COMPLIANCE WITH DEBT COLLECTION  
1.7 REQUIREMENTS.

1.8 Any patient may take an action to enjoin extraordinary collection actions taken by a  
1.9 nonprofit hospital if the hospital has failed to provide a written financial assistance policy.

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

1.11 For the purposes of this section:

1.12 (1) "extraordinary collection actions" has the meaning given in Code of Federal  
1.13 Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-6;

1.14 (2) "financial assistance policy" has the meaning give in Code of Federal  
1.15 Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-4; and

1.16 (3) "nonprofit hospital" means a hospital that claims federal tax status under United  
1.17 States Code, title 26, section 501(r).