

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3580

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By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of the Mass. State Council of Carpenters and John A. Businger that health care facilities be prohibited from charging for audits of bills of patients. Health Care.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

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AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES FROM CHARGING FOR AUDITS OF PATIENTS' BILLS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter III, section 70E of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end  
3 of the fourth paragraph the following new sentence: — No facility  
4 shall charge a fee to a patient or a patient's authorized represen-  
5 tative for viewing the patient's medical record for the purpose of  
6 performing an audit for the itemized charges.

