

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2661 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY STETLER, JULY 5, 2000

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AN ACT

1 Providing for the disclosure to patients by practitioners of the  
2 healing arts of the types of health insurance payments  
3 accepted, for enforcement and for a civil penalty.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Definitions.

7 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
8 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
9 context clearly indicates otherwise:

10 "Licensing boards." The following boards:

- 11 (1) State Board of Chiropractic.
- 12 (2) State Board of Dentistry.
- 13 (3) State Board of Medicine.
- 14 (4) State Board of Optometry.
- 15 (5) State Board of Osteopathic Medicine.
- 16 (6) State Board of Pharmacy.
- 17 (7) State Board of Podiatry.

18 Section 2. Posting of notice.

1 A practitioner of the healing arts governed by any of the  
2 licensing boards shall post in a conspicuous location in the  
3 waiting rooms or at the reception area the types of health  
4 insurance the practitioner accepts as payment, minus any  
5 deductibles or other fees or requirements within the insurance  
6 coverage, and any health maintenance organization that has the  
7 practitioner as a participant.

8 Section 3. Enforcement.

9 (a) General rule.--This act shall be enforced by the  
10 licensing boards. Each licensing board shall notify its  
11 respective practitioner of the provisions of this act.

12 (b) Civil penalty.--A practitioner who violates section 2  
13 may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$100, upon a  
14 determination of the same by the licensing board. A practitioner  
15 shall be given an opportunity for a hearing on the proposed  
16 penalty. Hearings and appeals shall be conducted in the manner  
17 provided in 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to administrative law and  
18 procedure).

19 Section 4. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.