
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1902 Session of
1993

INTRODUCED BY BUNT, JUNE 23, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, JUNE 23, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 26, 1988 (P.L.403, No.66), entitled "An
2 act providing for certain disclosures by practitioners of the
3 healing arts when making patient referrals; providing
4 penalties; and conferring powers and duties on the several
5 licensing boards in the Bureau of Professional and
6 Occupational Affairs," providing for written fee information.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of May 26, 1988 (P.L.403,
10 No.66), entitled "An act providing for certain disclosures by
11 practitioners of the healing arts when making patient referrals;
12 providing penalties; and conferring powers and duties on the
13 several licensing boards in the Bureau of Professional and
14 Occupational Affairs," is amended to read:

15 Section 2. Disclosure of interest in referral facilities.

16 [(a) General rule.--]Any practitioner of the healing arts
17 shall, prior to referral of a patient to any facility or entity
18 engaged in providing health-related services, tests,
19 pharmaceuticals, appliances or devices, disclose to the patient
20 any financial interest of the practitioner or ownership by the

1 practitioner in the facility or entity. In making any referral,
2 the practitioner of the healing arts may render any
3 recommendations he considers appropriate, but shall advise the
4 patient of his freedom of choice in the selection of a facility
5 or entity.

6 [(b) Penalty.--A person who violates this section shall be
7 liable to the Commonwealth for a civil penalty not to exceed
8 \$1,000.

9 (c) Enforcement.--The licensing boards in the bureau shall
10 enforce this section.]

11 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

12 Section 2.1. Written fee information.

13 A practitioner of the healing arts shall in writing inform an
14 outpatient of any fees charged by a facility or entity engaged
15 in health-related services, tests, pharmaceuticals, appliances
16 or devices and whether the facility's or entity's fees are
17 covered by the patient's health insurance.

18 Section 2.2. Penalty.

19 A person who violates this act shall be liable to the
20 Commonwealth for a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.

21 Section 2.3. Enforcement.

22 The licensing boards in the bureau shall enforce this act.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.