THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 1752 Session of 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 30, 2021

AN ACT

1 2 3	Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of evidence, further providing for limit on charges.
4	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5	hereby enacts as follows:
6	Section 1. Section 6152.1(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7	Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
8	§ 6152.1. Limit on charges.
9	(a) Charges
10	* * *
11	(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
12	contrary, a health care provider or facility shall provide
13	without charge one complete copy of a patient's medical
14	charts and records if all of the following apply:
15	(i) The patient is a veteran, as defined in 51
16	Pa.C.S. § 7202 (relating to definitions), and is indigent
17	and homeless.

1	(ii) The medical charts and records are being
2	requested by the patient or a person presenting a valid
3	authorization for the release of the medical charts and
4	records that is signed by the patient or the patient's
5	legally authorized representative.
6	(iii) The medical charts and records are being
7	sought for the purpose of supporting a claim for Federal
8	veterans' disability benefits.
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10	Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.