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House Bill 4531

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[Introduced February 12, 2016; Referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources
then the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §16-5B-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to requiring hospitals, or other similar institutions, to publish a cost list for the most
 3 commonly performed procedures that are billed by the hospital or other similar institution.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §16-5B-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and
 2 reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5B. HOSPITALS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS.

**§16-5B-9. Hospitals and similar institutions required to supply patients, upon request, with
 one specifically itemized statement of charges assessed to patient, at no cost to
 patient; publishing cost list for commonly performed procedures.**

1 (a) Any hospital, or other similar institution, required to be licensed under this article, upon
 2 request, shall supply to any patient who has received services from the hospital, whether on an
 3 inpatient or outpatient basis, one itemized statement which describes with specificity the exact
 4 service or medication for which a charge is assessed to the patient at the institution, at no
 5 additional cost to the patient. In the event of the death of any such patient, a relative or guardian
 6 may make such request and shall receive such statement at no additional cost.

7 (b) After the effective date of this subsection, all hospitals, or other similar institutions,
 8 required to be licensed under this article, shall publish a cost list for at least twenty-five of the
 9 most commonly performed procedures each identified by standard diagnosis and procedure
 10 codes as regularly billed by the hospital or other similar institution.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require hospitals, or other similar institutions, to publish a cost list for the most commonly performed procedures that are billed by the hospital or other similar institution.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.