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SENATE BILL 22-038

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ALLOWING HOSPITALS TO INCLUDE THE HEALTHCARE
102 AFFORDABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY FEE IN HOSPITAL BILLING
103 STATEMENTS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law prohibits a hospital from including the healthcare affordability and sustainability fee as a separate line item in its billing statements. The bill allows a hospital to include the total amount of the healthcare affordability and sustainability fee as a separate line item in its billing statements to increase transparency for patients.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-4-402.4, **amend**
3 (4)(f) as follows:

4 **25.5-4-402.4. Hospitals - healthcare affordability and**
5 **sustainability fee - Colorado healthcare affordability and**
6 **sustainability enterprise - federal waiver - fund created - reports -**
7 **rules - legislative declaration - repeal. (4) Healthcare affordability**
8 **and sustainability fee. (f) A hospital shall not MAY include any THE**
9 **TOTAL amount of the healthcare affordability and sustainability fee as a**
10 **separate line item in its billing statements TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY**
11 **FOR PATIENTS.**

12 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
13 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
14 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
15 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
16 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
17 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
18 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
19 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
20 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.