

By Representative Silver

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to insurance fraud; amending s.  
3           627.613, F.S.; removing a limit on rewards for  
4           reductions of payments on improperly billed  
5           claims; providing construction; providing an  
6           effective date.

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8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 627.613, Florida  
11   Statutes, is amended to read:

12           627.613 Time of payment of claims.--

13           (7) Upon written notification by an insured, an  
14   insurer shall investigate any claim of improper billing by a  
15   physician, hospital, or other health care provider. The  
16   insurer shall determine if the insured was properly billed for  
17   only those procedures and services that the insured actually  
18   received. If the insurer determines that the insured has been  
19   improperly billed, the insurer shall notify the insured and  
20   the provider of its findings and shall reduce the amount of  
21   payment to the provider by the amount determined to be  
22   improperly billed. If a reduction is made due to such  
23   notification by the insured, the insurer shall pay to the  
24   insured 20 percent of the amount of the reduction ~~up to \$500.~~  
25   For purposes of this subsection, the term "insured" includes  
26   any authorized agent of an insured.

27           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
28   law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Removes the \$500 cap on rewards for reporting improperly billed medical claims which result in a reduction in payments.