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Senators Campbell, Brown-Waite, Silver and Myers moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 3, between lines 23 and 24,

insert:

Section 3. Charges for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or computed tomography (CT) scan services shall be unenforceable against the recipient of such services, an insurer, a third-party payor, and any other person or entity unless such charges are billed and collected by the 100-percent owner or the 100-percent lessee of the equipment used to perform such services. Such owner or lessee may be an individual, a corporation, a partnership, or any other entity and any of its 100-percent-owned affiliates and subsidiaries. For purposes of this section, "lessee" means a long-term lessee under a capital or operating lease but does not include a part-time lessee. This section does not apply to billing and collection by a hospital or a hospital and physician management company. A debt collection agency or another entity

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1 that has contracted with an insurer or third-party payor to
 2 obtain a discounted rate for such collection services,
 3 provided such collection agency does not retain for its
 4 services more than 25 percent of the amount remitted to such
 5 owner or lessee, may bill for MRI or CT services of the
 6 100-percent owner or 100-percent lessee.

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8 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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11 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

12 And the title is amended as follows:

13 On page 1, line 13, after the semicolon

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15 insert:

16 providing for unenforceability against certain
 17 persons or entities of charges for certain
 18 services under certain circumstances; providing
 19 a definition; providing a limitation; providing
 20 an exception;

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