

By Representative Ritter

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health insurance; providing
3 for unenforceability against certain persons or
4 entities of charges for certain services under
5 certain circumstances; providing a definition;
6 providing a limitation; providing an exception;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Charges for magnetic resonance imaging
12 (MRI) or computed tomography (CT) scan services shall be
13 unenforceable against the recipient of such services, an
14 insurer, a third-party payor, and any other person or entity
15 unless such charges are billed and collected by the
16 100-percent owner or the 100-percent lessee of the equipment
17 used to perform such services. Such owner or lessee may be an
18 individual, a corporation, a partnership, or any other entity
19 and any of its 100-percent-owned affiliates and subsidiaries.
20 For purposes of this section, "lessee" means a long-term
21 lessee under a capital or operating lease but does not include
22 a part-time lessee. This section does not preclude billing and
23 collection by a hospital, a hospital or physician management
24 company whose MRI or CT scan services are ancillary to the
25 practices managed, a debt collection agency, or an entity that
26 has contracted with an insurer or third-party payor to obtain
27 a discounted rate for such services provided such entity does
28 not retain for its services more than 25 percent of the amount
29 remitted to such owner or lessee.

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 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides for unenforceability of charges for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or computed tomography (CT) scan services against the recipient of such services, an insurer, a third-party payor, and any other person or entity. Provides an exception.