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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
4/8/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Gaetz) recommended the
2 following **amendment**:

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete line(s) 97-132

6 and insert:

7 Section 4. Present subsections (8), (9), and (10) of
8 section 395.301, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
9 subsections (9), (10), and (11), respectively, and a new
10 subsection (8) is added to that section to read:

11 395.301 Itemized patient bill; form and content prescribed
12 by the agency.--

13 (8) Each licensed facility that is not operated by the
14 state shall provide any uninsured person seeking planned
15 nonemergency elective admission a written good faith estimate of
16 reasonably anticipated charges for the facility to treat such
17 person. The estimate must be provided to the uninsured person



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18 within 7 business days after the person notifies the facility and
19 the facility confirms that the person is uninsured. The estimate
20 may be the average charges for that diagnosis-related group or
21 the average charges for that procedure. Upon request, the
22 facility shall notify the person of any revision to the good
23 faith estimate. Such estimate does not preclude the actual
24 charges from exceeding the estimate. The facility shall also
25 provide to the uninsured person a copy of any facility discount
26 and charity care discount policies for which the uninsured person
27 may be eligible. The facility shall place a notice in the
28 reception area where such information is available. Failure to
29 provide the estimate as required by this sub section shall result
30 in a fine of \$500 for each instance of the facility's failure to
31 provide the requested information.

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

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete line(s) 19-22

36 and insert:

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38 requiring certain licensed facilities to provide a written
39 estimate within a certain period of time to an uninsured
40 person seeking planned nonemergency elective admission;
41 requiring the facility to notify the person if the
42 estimate is revised; requiring the facility to provide the
43 person with a copy of any discount or charity care
44 discount policies for which such person may be eligible;
45 requiring the facility to place a notice in the reception
46 area where such information is available; imposing a



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47 | monetary penalty if the facility fails to provide the
48 | requested information; amending s. 408.05, F.S.;