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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/26/2025

The Committee on Health Policy (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 395.3011, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 395.3011 Billing and collection activities.-

(1) As used in this section, the term "extraordinary collection action" means any of the following actions taken by a licensed facility against an individual in relation to obtaining

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41	described in subsection (1).			
42	2. If the debt is later determined to qualify for charity			
43	care under the facility's financial assistance policy, such debt			
44	is returned to the licensed facility.			
45	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.			
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48	And the title is amended as follows:			
49	Delete everything before the enacting clause			
50	and insert:			
51	A bill to be entitled			
52	An act relating to health care billing and collection			
53	activities; amending s. 395.3011, F.S.; revising the			
54	definition of the term "extraordinary collection			
55	action"; authorizing facilities to engage in an			
56	extraordinary collection action under certain			
57	circumstances; providing an effective date.			