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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3754

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3754 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
5 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 2HHHH as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 505/2HHHH new)

7 Sec. 2HHHH. Collection action; patient billing.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Collection action" means any referral of a bill to a
10 collection agency or law firm to collect payment for services
11 from a patient or patient's guarantor for health care
12 services.

13 "Health care provider" has meaning given to that term in
14 the Medical Patient Rights Act.

15 (b) No health care provider may initiate a collection
16 action against a patient unless the patient or the patient's

1 guarantor has been notified by first class mail at least 15
2 days prior to the referral of a bill taking effect. The notice
3 shall be sent no earlier than 30 days after the date of the
4 initial bill and shall inform the patient or the patient's
5 guarantor of the patient's outstanding payment obligations
6 and, if applicable, the patient's ability to request a
7 repayment plan. If the patient or the patient's guarantor pays
8 or arranges the repayment of the obligation with the health
9 care provider, no collection action shall be taken.

10 (c) Any health care provider who violates this Section
11 commits an unlawful practice within the meaning of this Act.

12 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to conflict
13 with or supersede the provisions of the Fair Patient Billing
14 Act."