

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1890
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The proposed Committee substitute for HB 1890, prohibits healthcare providers that are not in compliance with the Public Health Service Act and rules adopted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Transparency in Health Care Prices Act from taking a collection action against a patient or guarantor for debts owed. The measure allows patients to file suit to determine if a provider was out of compliance, and prohibits a provider from taking collective action while a lawsuit is pending. The measure also requires that providers who are found to be out of compliance must:

1. Refund the payer any amount of the debt the payer has paid and pay a penalty to the patient or patient guarantor in an amount equal to the total amount of the debt.
2. Dismiss or cause to be dismissed any court action with prejudice and pay any attorney fees and costs incurred by the patient or patient guarantor relating to the action.
3. Remove or cause to be removed from the patient's or patient guarantor's credit report any report made to a consumer reporting agency relating to the debt.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.