

1.1 **Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was**  
 1.2 **re-referred**

1.3 **S.F. No. 2673:** A bill for an act relating to health care; establishing requirements for  
 1.4 hospitals to screen patients for eligibility for health coverage or assistance; requiring an  
 1.5 affidavit of expert review before certain debt collection activities; limiting hospital charges  
 1.6 for uninsured treatments and services for certain patients; proposing coding for new law in  
 1.7 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

1.8 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.9 Page 2, line 17, after "discharge" insert "unless the occurrence of the appointment would  
 1.10 delay discharge"

1.11 Page 2, line 18, delete "it" and insert "the occurrence of the appointment under clause  
 1.12 (1) would delay discharge or if the hospital"

1.13 Page 2, line 19, after "discharge" insert "unless the scheduling of an appointment would  
 1.14 delay discharge"

1.15 Page 2, line 21, after "if" insert "the scheduling of an appointment under clause (2) would  
 1.16 delay discharge or if"

1.17 Page 2, line 31, delete "eligible" and insert "ineligible or potentially eligible"

1.18 Page 3, line 5, delete "eligible" and insert "not ineligible"

1.19 Page 4, line 12, after "2023" insert ", and applies to services and treatments provided  
 1.20 on or after that date"

1.21 Page 4, line 15, after "patient" insert "or guarantor"

1.22 Page 4, lines 16 and 31, after "patient's" insert "or guarantor's"

1.23 Page 5, line 4, delete "sick, disabled, infirm, or so elderly so as to" and delete "render  
 1.24 the"

1.25 Page 5, line 5, delete "patient" and after "complaint" insert "due to age, disability, or  
 1.26 medical condition"

1.27 Page 5, line 28, after "patient's" insert "or guarantor's"

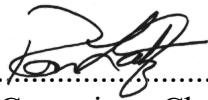
1.28 Page 5, after line 31, insert:

1.29 "Subd. 4. **Collection agency; immunity.** A collection agency, as defined in section  
 1.30 332.31, subdivision 3, is not required to verify the submission of an affidavit of expert  
 1.31 review or assess the validity of an affidavit of expert review. The collection agency is not  
 1.32 liable for a hospital's failure to comply with this section."

2.1 Page 5, line 32, after "2023" insert ", and applies to actions and referrals to third-party  
 2.2 debt collection agencies stemming from services and treatments provided on or after that  
 2.3 date"

2.4 Page 6, line 12, after "2023" insert ", and applies to services and treatments provided  
 2.5 on or after that date"

2.6 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health  
 2.7 and Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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 (Committee Chair)

2.10 March 24, 2023.....  
 2.11 (Date of Committee recommendation)