

HOUSE _____ **AMENDMENT NO.** _____**Offered By** _____

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 0325, Section A, Page 1, Line 7, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

“191.227. 1. All physicians, chiropractors, hospitals, dentists, and other duly licensed practitioners in this state, herein called "providers", shall, upon written request of a patient, or guardian or legally authorized representative of a patient, furnish a copy of his or her record of that patient's health history and treatment rendered to the person submitting a written request, except that such right shall be limited to access consistent with the patient's condition and sound therapeutic treatment as determined by the provider. Beginning August 28, 1994, such record shall be furnished within a reasonable time of the receipt of the request therefor and upon payment of a fee as provided in this section.

2. Health care providers may condition the furnishing of the patient's health care records to the patient, the patient's authorized representative or any other person or entity authorized by law to obtain or reproduce such records upon payment of a fee for:

(1) Copying, in an amount not more than [seventeen] twenty-one dollars and [five] thirty-six cents plus [forty] fifty cents per page for the cost of supplies and labor as adjusted annually per subsection 5 of this section;

(2) Postage, to include packaging and delivery cost; [and]

(3) Notary fee, not to exceed two dollars, if requested; and

(4) Any retrieval fee and handling fee charged by an outsourced records storage service with which the health care provider has contracted for off-site records storage and management; except that, in no case shall the cost of the retrieval fee or handling fee exceed thirty dollars.

3. Notwithstanding provisions of this section to the contrary, providers may charge for the reasonable cost of all duplications of health care record material or information which cannot routinely be copied or duplicated on a standard commercial photocopy machine.

4. The transfer of the patient's record done in good faith shall not render the provider liable to the patient or any other person for any consequences which resulted or may result from disclosure of the patient's record as required by this section.

5. Effective February first of each year, the fees listed in subsection 2 of this section shall be increased or decreased annually based on the annual percentage change in the unadjusted, U.S. city average, annual average inflation rate of the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The current reference base of the index, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, shall be used as the reference base. For purposes of this subsection, the annual average inflation rate shall be based on a twelve-month calendar year beginning in January and ending in December of each preceding calendar year. The department of health and senior services shall report the annual adjustment and the adjusted fees authorized in this section on the department's Internet website by February first of each year.”; and
Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.