

SENATE BILL No. 22

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-28-2-10.1.

Synopsis: Notice of debt collection. Requires a health facility to send notice to a resident that the resident owes a debt to the health facility before the debt is assigned to a collection agency. Provides that the required notice must be sent by certified mail that includes return receipt and must be sent to the resident and the resident's legal representative.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-28-2-10.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 10.1. (a) If a health facility**
4 **resident owes a debt to the health facility, the health facility may**
5 **not assign the debt to a collection agency described in IC 25-11-1,**
6 **unless the health facility first sends notice of the debt to the**
7 **resident and the resident's legal representative.**
8 **(b) A notice required by subsection (a) must be sent:**
9 **(1) by certified mail that includes return receipt; and**
10 **(2) to the home address of the:**
11 **(A) resident; and**
12 **(B) resident's legal representative.**

