

House Bill 2959

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits hospital from using patient's credit or financial information in determining course of care recommended by physician. Imposes civil penalty for violations.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to financial information.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) An officer or employee of a hospital licensed by the Department of Hu-**
5 **man Services may not use a person's credit or other financial information in determining,**
6 **altering or prescribing the course of care recommended for the person by a physician li-**
7 **censed under ORS chapter 677.**

8 **(2) Nothing in this section is intended to relieve a person of the obligation to pay for**
9 **services provided by a hospital.**

10 **SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services may impose a civil penalty in an amount**
11 **not to exceed \$5,000 for a violation of section 1 of this 2009 Act. Civil penalties under this**
12 **section shall be imposed in the manner provided by ORS 183.745.**

13 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2009 Act applies to decisions about a person's course of care**
14 **implemented on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.