

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 310
HOUSE BILL 588

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO ITEMIZE CHARGES ON DISCHARGED
PATIENT'S BILL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Part C of Article 5 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 131E-91. Itemized charges on discharged patient's bill.

All hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities licensed pursuant to this Chapter shall, upon request of the patient within 30 days of discharge, present an itemized list of charges to all discharged patients.

The Commission shall adopt rules to ensure that this section is properly implemented and that patient bills which are not itemized include notification to the patient of his right to request an itemized bill. The Department shall not issue nor renew a license under this Chapter unless the applicant has demonstrated that the requirements of this section are being met."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991, and applies to discharges on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of June, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives