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HOUSE BILL 1150

Short Title: Medical Records/Fees.

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Sponsors: Representative Edwards.

Referred to: Finance.

May 15, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN FEES THAT MAY BE CHARGED BY
HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR COPYING MEDICAL RECORDS UNDER
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-411 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-411. Record copy fee.

A health care provider may charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs incurred in searching, handling, copying, and mailing medical records to the patient or the patient's designated representative. The maximum fee shall be ~~fifty-seventy-five cents (50¢)-(75¢)~~ per page, provided that the health care provider may impose a minimum fee of up to ~~ten~~ twelve dollars (\$10.00)-(\$12.00) inclusive of copying costs. If requested by the patient or the patient's designated representative, nothing herein shall limit a reasonable professional fee charged by a physician for the review and preparation of a narrative summary of the patient's medical record. This section shall only apply with respect to liability claims for personal injury, except that charges for medical records and reports related to claims under Article 1 of Chapter 97 of the General Statutes shall be governed by the fees established by the North Carolina Industrial Commission pursuant to G.S. 97-26.4."

1 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to charges incurred on
2 and after that date.