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1 An act to require all Kentucky hospitals to make average medical bill pricing publicly available.

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: As it currently sits in the American Healthcare System, there is no way future patients of a
6 hospital can determine the cost of their stay. This is especially shocking, given the fact that the U.S. has
7 the highest health care cost as a percentage of GDP out of all developed countries (18%).

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9 Section 2: This especially true to Kentucky. With the growing costs of health care and the decreasing
10 reimbursement of medical expenses from insurance companies, it is increasingly important that
11 Kentuckians are aware of the costs of the treatments that they receive. The National Patients Bill of
12 Rights states that "You have the right to choose health care providers". This bill seeks to empower a
13 patient's right to choose by requiring health care providers to make average medical bill costs publicly
14 available. In doing so, patients will be able to compare multiple hospital's billing expenses when
15 considering inpatient stays; this encourages competition amongst health care providers while
16 simultaneously providing patients with the right to choose.

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18 Section 3: This bill will mandate that hospitals will report their average cost per inpatient stay or
19 Internet database sites such as healthcare.gov, the hospital's own website, or incorporated into the
20 facility's patient information pamphlet. This bill also mandates that most average hospital expenses will
21 be itemized and made available to potential patients prior to hospital stays. Average hospital expenses
22 will include cost for general surgical procedures, radiology expenses, basic feeds charged by specialty
23 physicians, room and board, and any other pertinent fees that may arise. The creation and
24 implementation of this information will be virtually cost-free, as hospitals already have specific billing
25 codes for all expenses charged to patients during inpatient stay.

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27 Section 4: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2017.