

Senate Study Bill 3135 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON ZAUN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to evidence offered to prove past medical
2 expenses.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 622.4 Medical expenses.

2 Evidence offered to prove past medical expenses shall be
3 limited to evidence of the amounts actually paid to satisfy
4 the bills that have been satisfied, regardless of the source
5 of payment, and evidence of the amounts actually necessary
6 to satisfy the bills that have been incurred but not yet
7 satisfied. This section does not impose upon any party an
8 affirmative duty to seek a reduction in billed charges to which
9 the party is not contractually entitled.

| 10 | EXPLANATION |
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11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill relates to evidence offered to prove past medical
14 expenses. The bill provides that evidence offered to prove
15 such expenses shall be limited to evidence of the amounts that
16 were actually paid to satisfy bills that have been satisfied
17 and evidence of the amounts necessary to satisfy the bills
18 that have not yet been satisfied. The bill does not impose an
19 affirmative duty to seek a reduction in billed charges to which
20 the party is not contractually entitled.