

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY**

Bill No: H1375

Title: AN ACT PROHIBITING SURPRISE OUTSIDE BILLING

Sponsor: Rep. Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (*North Reading*)

Hearing Date: July 15, 2025

Reporting Deadline: August 13, 2025

Prior History:

2023-2024 (H1207): Referred to the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing; Ordered to a House Study

2021-2022 (H1280): Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing; Reported favorably; SWM; No further action taken

Similar Matters: None

CURRENT LAW:

Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020, An Act promoting a resilient health care system that puts patients first §71

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Health Policy Commission, the Center for Health Information and Analysis and the Division of Insurance, to develop a report and make recommendations on establishing a process to determine a fair and sustainable out-of-network rate to resolve the costs of uncovered care. The report and recommendations are to be submitted to the joint committee on health care financing and the house and senate committees on ways and means by September 1, 2021.

SUMMARY:

This bill would establish a commission to limit and preventing surprise outside billing.

The commission would consider and evaluate the efficacy of bundled payment policies and would consider similar laws put into place in other jurisdictions. The commission would develop recommendations including, but not limited to, prohibiting surprise outside billing, requiring insurance carriers to hold health plan members harmless, and applying regulations across all providers, including health maintenance organizations and preferred provider organizations.

The commission would report its findings and any legislative recommendations within 12 months of the effective date of the act.