

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES  
2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) BILL SUMMARY**

**Bill No:** H1291

**Title:** An Act further clarifying the delivery of health care

**Sponsor:** Rep. Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. (*Springfield*)

**Hearing Date:** October 27, 2025

**Reporting Deadline:** December 3, 2025

**Prior History:**

2023-24 (H1123): Ordered to a House Study

**Similar Matters:** None

**CURRENT LAW:**

*Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020 §75 An Act promoting a resilient health care system that puts patients first*

The Act imposes new requirements on providers and health plans regarding telehealth, balance billing, and coverage for COVID-19 related services. The Act uses the terms “provider” and “health care provider,” without specifically defining them.

[Text of subsection (f) added by 2020, 260, Sec. 25 effective January 1, 2025. See 2020, 260, Sec. 75, as amended by 2022, 22, Sec. 3 and 2022, 107, Sec. 2.]

*Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020 §25 An Act promoting a resilient health care system that puts patients first*

(f) The commissioner will implement this section and impose penalties for non-compliance consistent with the department's authority to regulate health care providers; provided, however, that the penalty for non-compliance shall not exceed \$2,500 in each instance. A health care provider that violates any provision of this section or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this subsection shall be liable for penalties as provided in this subsection.

*Chapter 22 Acts of 2022, An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2022 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects § 3*  
Section 75 of chapter 260 of the acts of 2020 is hereby amended by striking out the words “January 1” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - July 31.

*Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, An Act relative to extending certain state of emergency accommodations § 2*

Section 75 of chapter 260 of the acts of 2020, as amended by section 3 of chapter 22 of the acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by striking out the words “July 31, 2022” and inserting in place thereof the following words: - January 1, 2025.

**SUMMARY:**

The bill intends to amend the general laws so that the provisions of *Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020* that refer to “health care provider” do not apply to any provider licensed to practice dentistry.