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Bill Analysis

SB 1646 prohibits every medical and care provider from reporting a healthcare expense debt to a credit bureau or pursuing collection activities unless the provider can demonstrate that the person liable for the medical debt was presented with and agreed to the total cost of all healthcare services. The measure requires the total cost to include services performed by medical staff and to be presented separately from other paperwork. Under no circumstances is a provider authorized to pursue a debt arising from medical complications for the original services provided and noncompliance with the measure is grounds for dismissal of certain legal actions.

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