

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

HB 1012 prohibits any insurance company from discounting, reducing, or differentiating payments for anesthesia services provided by a qualified nonphysician anesthetist when billed under the same billing code and modifier used by another qualified nonphysician anesthesia provider in the same region or area. The measure also expands unfair claim settlement practices to include actions that have been committed with conscious disregard to payment rates on designated billing codes and modifiers to indicate a general business practice to engage in that type of conduct. Health benefit plans that compel a health care provider to institute suits to recover amounts due under its insurance contract on claims filed based upon the use of designated billing codes and/or code modifiers that are paid at different rates from other qualified health care providers using the same billing codes and/or code modifiers or where such claims are discounted or reduced by the insured shall also be consider an unfair claim settlement practice.

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