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**Amendment**

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Offered by:

REP. JOHNSTON, 51<sup>st</sup> Dist.

To: Senate Bill No. 416

File No. 286

Cal. No. 422

**"AN ACT CONCERNING WORKING HOURS OF CERTAIN  
HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES."**

1 After line 27, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. Section 19a-509 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

4 (a) All hospitals and all nursing homes shall include on their  
5 admission forms a question as to whether a person is a veteran or the  
6 spouse of a veteran. All hospitals shall include on their admission  
7 forms a conspicuous notice that the patient may, upon request, receive  
8 a copy of the hospital charges related to the patient. Such admission  
9 forms shall also include a conspicuous notice specifying the name and  
10 contact information of a person whom the patient may contact to  
11 request a copy of the hospital charges related to the patient.

12 (b) All hospitals shall include in their bills to patients, and to third  
13 party payors unless previously furnished, an explanation of any items  
14 identified by any code or by initials. Upon request by a patient, a

15 hospital shall provide such patient with an itemized bill not later than  
16 thirty days after the date of such request. Such itemized bill shall  
17 identify, in plain language, each individual service, supply or  
18 medication provided to the patient by the hospital and the specific  
19 charge for such service, supply or medication.

20 (c) No nursing home may bill a patient or third party payor an  
21 amount for telephone service, community antenna television service or  
22 other telecommunications service, which amount includes a surcharge  
23 or administrative fee or which otherwise exceeds the amount paid by  
24 the nursing home to provide such service."