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General Assembly

January Session, 2009

File No. 175

Senate Bill No. 34

Senate, March 25, 2009

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CANCELLED DOCTORS' APPOINTMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2010*) No physician or medical
- 2 practice shall charge a patient a fee for a missed appointment unless
- 3 such physician or medical practice has posted notice of such fee in a
- 4 conspicuous location in such physician's or medical practice's office or
- 5 patient waiting area.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	New section
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GL *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 34

AN ACT CONCERNING CANCELLED DOCTORS' APPOINTMENTS.

SUMMARY:

This bill prohibits physicians or medical practices from charging patients for missed appointments unless that physician or practice posts notice of the fee in a conspicuous spot in the office or waiting area. The term "medical practice" is not defined by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/10/2009)